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The cost of producing Volumes XIII and XIV was very heavy and exceeded the income for 1899 by £16. *Per contra*, Volume XV was issued at a considerable profit, which will equalize the accounts for the year before as well as

those for 1901. The transcription of such a large number of Wills has been a very heavy item, and the Society is much indebted to the Rev. F. W. Weaver for undertaking the editorship of a work involving so much research.

The volumes for 1902, *Pedes Finium* 1349-1399 and Hopton's *Narrative of the Civil War*, are already printed, and will be issued at an early date.

Among the payments in the accounts for 1901 appears the cost of transcribing the Stoke-under-Hamdon "Extent." This is a very interesting account in full detail of the inner life of a Somerset manor in the thirteenth century. It forms a complement to the Beauchamp Cartulary preserved in the Public Record Office. The size of these works, however, is hardly sufficient to form a single issue, and it will be necessary to find some similar material to make up a homogeneous volume, before it can be issued.

E. H. BATES.



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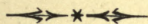
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## Preface.

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THE wills, of which abstracts are given in this volume, consist of transcripts from original wills, copied into tall thick volumes, and preserved at Somerset House. With the exception of book Crumwell, the fifty-four earliest registers bear the names of the testators whose wills happen to occur first in the respective volumes.

The following is a list of registers from which abstracts have been made :—

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 1383 } Rous.      | 7. 1479-86 Logge.  |
| 1452 }               | 8. 1487-90 Milles. |
| 2. 1401-23 Marche.   | 9. 1491-93 Dogett. |
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Book "Rous" takes its name from Sir Robert Rous, kt., whose will was proved in 1386, and who leaves a bequest to Tarrant Abbey, Dorset. Book "Marche" commemorates Richard March, of St. Denis, Southampton (will proved 1401); while the name of a Somerset incumbent is kept green by the third book, entitled Luffenam. John Luffenam was "perpetual vicar" of the parish church of Curry Rivel from May 19, 1412, till his death in 1423. Very many, if not most, of the wills seem to have been made on the death-bed. Thus, John Luffenam makes

his will on April 2, 1423, and, according to *Somerset Incumbents* (p. 352), his successor was instituted to Curry Rivel on April 11 of the same year.

A long preface is unnecessary; as the wills speak for themselves, and the editor's notes say most of what he wishes to comment on.

The frequent mention of *woad* implies that the cloth trade and its sister, the dyeing trade, were both very flourishing in the county during the fifteenth century.

Sometimes the *Index Rerum* and *Index Locorum* supply a key to the meaning of a difficult word; thus, I have ventured to index *trastellis* (p. 190) trestles, and the meaning would be that the bed stood on four bluish grey legs. Or again (p. 188), the index informs us that *Ledubelle Cuppe* means "The double cup," possibly a cup with two handles; while (p. 214) the parish of Englishcombe is disguised under the form "Inglystonne."

A word as to the houses of friars in the county, and in Bristol.

Bristol contained all the four orders, and there is one reference to Crutched Friars there (p. 329). At Bridgwater the Franciscans had a house. Friars *Preachers* there (p. 142) is an error, but the item is unmistakable in the will.

The Dominicans had a house at Ilchester, and the Carmelites one at Taunton.<sup>1</sup> The best list of friars' houses is to be found at the end of the first volume of Dr. Gasquet's *Henry VIII and the English Monasteries*. We are able to add one house to that list—the Franciscan Friars of Haverford East (p. 328).

<sup>1</sup> Mentioned Pat. 15 Ed. III (Tanner). Toulmin (*History of Taunton*) thinks it may have been dissolved before H. VIII. There is no mention of it in these wills.



It is a pleasure to acknowledge the kindness and help that have been rendered me during the somewhat arduous work of editing these wills.

Mr. R. Garraway Rice, F.S.A., has most generously allowed me to make use of one of "his best finds." He is engaged on most valuable work, chiefly ecclesiological, on wills relating to the county of Sussex, and he has been so fortunate as to find, in a Sussex will, an "item" which for ever sets at rest the vexed question of St. Sondag.

The will of John Topyn, of Ripe (P.C.C., 4 Vox), dated 1493, contains a bequest "*Imagini sancti dominici vocat' Seint Sondag.*"

The question as to the identity of St. Sondag has been over and over again ventilated in *Notes and Queries* and elsewhere; indeed, the present editor, in 1890, suggested that he was the same person as St. Dominic (see *Wells Wills*, p. 31), but what he merely *suggested*, Mr. Rice has now abundantly *proved*.

My thanks are also due to Mr. G. S. Fry, of Walthamstow, for verifying references at Somerset House, as the distance of my home from London prevented me from making very frequent visits. My colleague, Canon Mayo, also helped me in this way.

Also to Mr. Hudson, the Assistant Superintendent in the Literary Department at Somerset House, who is ever ready to help in reading the old writing, which, in many cases, where the paper has become rubbed, is exceedingly difficult to decipher.

Also to the Rev. S. J. M. Price, of Discove House, Bruton, who went through the proof sheets and made some very valuable suggestions thereon.

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Also to Mr. J. Challenor Smith, F.S.A., especially for help in the will of Thomas Broke, p. 401.

Also to the Rev. W. Warner, student and tutor of Christ Church, who helped me to arrange the wills in order of date and was kind enough to verify references for me.

Last, but not least, to my nephew, John Reginald Homer Weaver, of Ealing, who has compiled the four elaborate indexes, besides assisting me greatly with the proof sheets.


Others have been thanked from time to time in the notes.

F. W. WEAVER.

MILTON-CLEVEDON VICARAGE,  
*May 1902.*



# SOMERSET WILLS.



## 1392. THOMAS ALISTON.

[7 ROUS. FO. 51.]

In the name of God Amen. By the present public instrument let it plainly appear that A.D. 1392, 5th December, the venerable man Master Thomas Aliston, canon of the cathedral churches of Wells, St. David's, and Landaff, as he asserted, and also prebendary in the same "*in quodam oratorio habitacionis sue*" which he then inhabited in the city of Wells, of sound mind, etc., in the presence of me, the notary public, and the witnesses subscribed, made his last will in this form.

I, Thomas Aliston, canon in the cathedral churches of Wells, St. David's and Landaff, and prebendary in the same, on Thursday next after the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, A.D. 1392, bequeath, &c. My body to be buried in the chapel of St. Katherine, situate in the cloister of Wells, before the image of the Blessed Virgin, in the same chapel if it can conveniently be done.

"*Pro duabus misis currentibus*" to be celebrated for my soul every day in the said chapel 22*li.* whilst the said sum lasts. One of the masses to be "*de die*," the others as follow, Sunday "*de Trinitate*," Monday "*de anglis*," Tuesday "*de Sco. Thoma Martyre*," Wednesday "*de sancto spiritu*," Thursday "*de Corpore*"

*Christi*," Friday "*de sancta cruce*," Saturday "*de sancta Maria*."

On the day of my burial to be distributed for my soul, to the poor, sick and imprisoned 5 marks. To the fabric of the church of Schaldeflete in the Isle of Wight 20s.

To the fabric of the church of Aldremeneye in the county of Kent 20s.

To the fabric of the churches of Wertelyng, Stenynfeld, and Hoo, in the county of Southsex, 40s., viz. to each one mark.

To the fabric of the church of Monte Alto, diocese of St. Assaf, 2 marks.

To the two chapels annexed to the same 20s.

Item, I bequeath a gilt chalice with two shields (*scutis*) on the foot of the chalice, one whereof has the arms of Salisbury, and the other the arms of the lord de Moham [Mohun],<sup>1</sup> to serve at the masses in the chapel where the masses aforesaid shall be celebrated.

To Rowland Bake a silver cup, "*formatum ad modum calicis, et in summitate coopertorii*," the letter "E" is inscribed.

To Robert Haylis my nephew 20 marks.

To the said Robert a bed, "*de blodio*," viz., "*unum caneuace [canvas] j matrace ij blanketa duo linthiamina j keuerlite cum ij quaternis et j ceel*"<sup>2</sup> [canopy] *integrum de eadem secta*."

To my said nephew one bed of "Worsted."

Amongst the poor at Cristin Maleford, Bakelond, and Melles 40s.

To Robert Lynham 13s. 4d.

To John Gerneseye living at Shirbourne "*j gownam furratam de byuer*" [beaver] with one noble.

To Sir William Cressy one "ordinal" "*de usu Sarum*" with a book called "*pars oculi*" in one and the same volume.

To Sir John Byllyng a "jornal."

To Master John Sampson, clerk, of the diocese of St. David's, "*j vj. librum*" with a pair of Clement's Constitutions<sup>3</sup> (*clementinarum*) in one and the same volume.

<sup>1</sup> The Editor's notes are contained in square brackets.

<sup>2</sup> See *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 65 (note 2).

<sup>3</sup> "*Clementine constitutiones*," see *Day-Book of John Dorne*, Oxford Hist. Soc., v, p. 152.



To John Sly 5 marks.

To Ridesdale 100s.

To Arnald Fonne [*or* Foune] a horse according to the delivery of John Tyntenhull, and 5 marks.

To Sir John Tyntenhull a breviary (*portiforium*) with a "*tabula*" made of Flanders work, 40s. (*fact de opere Flandris xls.*).

All my books, linen, fur, and all my vessels, brass and silver, to be sold to satisfy my legatees and creditors.

I appoint Sir John Tyntynhull, John Rydesdale, and Arnald Fonne, my executors.

William Horsford, clerk, of the diocese of Wells, notary public.

In the presence of Sir Richard Schalke, chaplain, and "*anuelarius*" in the church of Wells, Robert Haylys, "*litteratus*," and John Kyngesbury, of the diocese of Bath and Wells.

Proved vj kal. March, A.D. 1392.

### 1394. RIC. BRICZ.

[3 ROUS. FO. 23.]

By William, archbishop of Canterbury, commission for Masters Robert Rugge and Ralph Berneys, canons of Wells, to commit administration of the goods, &c., of Richard Bricz to the executors named in his will. Dated 20th September, A.D. 1394.

[Is this the Richard Brice mentioned in Wells Cath. MSS., pp. 158, 182? The dates suit.]

### 1398. J. DE SCHYLLYNGFFORD.

[13 MARCHE. FO. 104.]

I, John de Schylllyngfford, "*celebris Curie Cantaburiensis minimus advocatus*," bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the chapel of the B. Katherine of the parish church of Wydecombe, diocese of Exeter, beside my mother's body.

All my goods I give to my dearest and trusty relative (*germano*) Master Baldwyn de Schyllyngford. If he shall wish to bestow anything for the health of the souls of my parents and of my soul, let him do it as shall seem best to him.

I appoint the aforesaid Master Baldwin "*fratrem meum*" sole executor.

Dated at London on the Morrow of the Annunciation A.D. 1398.

Proved 6th June, A.D. 1407.

Administration of the goods of the said John de Schillyngford, canon of Exeter, rector of the parish church of Uggeburgh, diocese of Exeter, and Canon (*prebendati*) of the church of Wells, committed to Master Baldwin Schyllyngford, the executor named.

#### 1400. GILES DAUBENY, KNT.

[5 MARCHE. FO. 34.]

1st June, A.D. 1400. I, Giles Daubeney, knight, son and heir of Giles Daubeney, knight, bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the porch (*in porticu*) of the church of Kempston [Bedfordshire].

Item, to the fabric of the said church 5*li*.

I bequeath 25*li*. for five chaplains to celebrate for one entire year.

To Matilda, my daughter, 40 marks; to Joan, my daughter, 40 marks; to Giles, my son, 40 marks; to Thomas, my son, 40 marks; and to Elizabeth, my daughter, 40 marks.

The residue of my goods found in my manors of Kemston and Ingylby, Southpedirton, Baryngton, Polnam, and Usse, in the county of Cornwall, I give to my executors to satisfy all men complaining that they have had harm or injury by Giles Daubeney, chivaler, my father, and Eleanor, formerly his wife, my mother, and by me.

I appoint Margaret, my wife, Thomas Daubeney, my brother, William Lynne, and John Saly, chaplains, my executors.

Witnesses, John Erlby, John Bate, chaplain, William Goldyngton, and Thomas Coke. Dated at Kempston.



Proved 19th November, A.D. 1403. Administration committed to Margaret, relict of the said deceased, and William Daubeney, executors named, &c.

### 1400. JOHN CHELSEY.

[I MARCHE. FO. 2D.]

In the name of God, Amen.

I, John Chelsey, canon of the church of Wells, and rector of the parish church of Great Somerford, diocese of Salisbury, on Wednesday the feast of St. Thomas the Martyr "*infra Natale Domini*" [Dec. 29], A.D. 1400, make my will in this manner. First, I bequeath my soul to God, my Saviour, and my body to be buried in the churchyard within the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells.

Item, I bequeath to each of my "*confratres*," canons and vicars of the said church of Wells, present by night at my obsequies 4*d.*, and to each of them being present at mass during the day 4*d.*, and to each of them present at the closing of my tomb 1*d.*

Item, I will that five tapers (*ceret*) be made for my funeral each of them weighing two pounds, burning as well at my obsequies as at the celebration of the masses.

Item, to my father 10*li.* sterling on condition that my goods suffice, &c.

Item, to the Prior and convent of Bradstoke 40*s.* under the condition aforesaid.

Item, to the Prior and convent of Hentone, of the Carthusian order, 20*s.*

To the poor of the parish of Somerford 13*s.* 4*d.*

To Sir Robert Burgh my best silver piece (*unam peciam argenteam meliorem*) with its cover (*cooperculo*).

To John Alainson my second best silver piece with its cover (*cooperculo*).

The residue of all my goods, &c., I will shall be converted to pious uses by the disposition of my executors, whom I make, Sir John Alampton and Sir Robert Burgh, perpetual vicars in the church of Wells.

Proved before Master John Perche, Commissary, &c., 5th

August, A.D. 1401. And administration is committed to the executors named in the said will, &c.

### 1401. THO. TANNER.

[2 MARCHE.]

In the name of God, Amen.

On Wednesday the feast of St. Clement the Pope and Martyr, A.D. 1401. I, Thomas Tanner, of Wells, in the county of Somerset, &c. First, I bequeath my soul to God Almighty my Redeemer, the Blessed Mary and all the saints, and my body to be buried in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, in the chapel of the Blessed Mary there under the south window, in a tomb to be made anew there in a certain arch (*archia*) for burying my body and that of Isabella, my wife.

Item, I bequeath for the construction of the aforesaid window to be made anew *20*li**.

Item, I bequeath to eight poor men carrying eight tapers to the church of the Blessed Andrew, and to those holding them at my obsequies around my body there for the night, and on the morrow at the mass, to each of them a new gown with a hood; and that the aforesaid tapers, except one, shall there remain.

Item, I bequeath to each canon and vicar of the church aforesaid, being present at my obsequies at night *4*d**, and to each of them being present on the morrow at the mass another *4*d**.

Item, I bequeath to the altarists, "*tabularii*"<sup>1</sup> and choristers of the church aforesaid, to each of them *1*d**.

Item, I bequeath to the Sacristan of the same church for ringing the bells *2*s**.

Item, to eight other poor men bearing eight other tapers from the church of St. Andrew aforesaid to the church of St. Cuthbert, of Wells, around my body at night and at the mass on the morrow a new gown with a hood, and that the aforesaid tapers shall remain there for the use of the same church to serve the divine offices.

<sup>1</sup> ALTARISTA, sacellanus; prêtre qui dessert un autel, desservant, vicaire. TABULARIUS, administrateur des biens de l'Eglise. (*Ducange*.)



Item, I bequeath to Sir Walter Hamme, vicar of the same church for my tithes forgotten, in satisfaction of the same, beyond all things due to me by him, 40s.

Item, to the vicar aforesaid, and to every chaplain serving in the church aforesaid one trental (*tricennale*).

Item, I bequeath to the "*annuarii*"<sup>1</sup> of the new hall<sup>2</sup> dwelling in the new street, Wells, for their common table, 60s.

Item, to the Prior of the Hospital of St. John, of Wells, and to each chaplain of the same Hospital one trental (*tricennale*).

Item, to the Abbot and convent of Glaston one tun (*dolium*) of red wine.

Item, to the Prior and convent of the Carthusian order, of Wytham, to pray for my soul, 40s.

Item, to the Prior and convent of Henton, of the same order, to pray for my soul, 40s.

To the Prioress and nuns of Munchenebarwe to pray for my soul, beyond 20s. which the said Prioress owes me, 20s.

Item, to the Prior of Stauerdale and the convent of the same place to pray for my soul, 20s.

To the Prioress and convent of Munchenekyngton, in the county of Wilts, to pray for my soul, 40s.

To the Prior and convent of the friars Carmelites of Bristol, to pray for my soul in all their houses in England, 40s.

To the Prior and convents of the Friars Minors, Preachers, and St. Augustine, Bristol, to pray for my soul, to each of them 40s.

Item, I bequeath to Isabella, my wife, my whole tenement with the two cellars and three shops adjacent, and their appurtenances in the town of Bristol on the west side of a certain street called "Smalstret" between the churchyard of the parish church of St. Waburgh on the south side and the tenement of the lord of Burnell on the north side, as by the charters and muniments thereof made to me more fully is specified. To have and to hold to the said Isabella, my wife, her heirs and assigns for ever, &c.

<sup>1</sup> ANNUELLARIUS, a priest who celebrated *annuals* or *anniversaries*, yearly masses for the dead. The word is found in Chaucer, l. 16480.

<sup>2</sup> Ralph Erghum, Bishop of Bath and Wells, erected a College or New Hall for the "*Annuellarii*," circa 1400 (see Reynolds's *Wells Cathedral*, p. xxxiii).

Item, I bequeath to Robert Asseby, my servant (*serviens*), 100s.

To Edward Curteys, my servant, 100s.

To John Waryn, my servant, 40s. and three oxen.

To Juliana Huth 40s. beyond the 10*li*. which she owes me ; which I also remit and release to her.

To William Heryng, my servant, half a mark.

To John Grocere, my servant, half a mark.

To Philip Smyth, my kinsman (*consanguineus*), 100s.

To John Bradeford, my kinsman, 40s.

To Alice, daughter of the aforesaid Juliana Huthe, 40s.

The residue of all my goods, my debts being fully paid, I give to Isabella, my wife, to dispose of the same for the safety of my soul and hers, as shall seem most expedient to her.

I make the said Isabella, my wife, John Wykyng, John Panes, Thomas Hore, and John Broun my executors.

Item, I bequeath to the common hall of the new close of the vicars of Wells to pray for my soul 40s.

To Sir William atte Watere, chaplain, to pray for my soul 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Cuthbert, of Wells, 40s., and 40s. being in the hand of John Blythe.

To John Wykyng 100s.

To John Panes 100s.

To Nicholas More 40s.

To the poor lying in the Hospital of St. John, of Wells, 20s.

To Elias Jones, of Axebrugge, 20s.

To Walter Menyueñ, of the same, 20s.

Proved before Richard Bruton, canon of Wells, Commissary of Master John Perche, registrar of the court of Canterbury, and Commissary-general of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, specially appointed together with Masters Thomas de Byngham, sub-dean, and Richard Drayton, canons of Wells, for the matters within written, in the conventual church of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, of Wells, on the 12th day of the month of December, A.D. 1401. We have committed administration to Isabella, late wife of the said Thomas Tanner, deceased, John Panes, and John Broun, the executors named in the same will, Thomas Hore refusing, and reserving power to us to commit



the administration to John Wykyng, one of the executors aforesaid, when he shall come to demand it in form of law.

[A short abstract of this will is printed in Wadley's *Bristol Wills*, p. 63.]

## 1402. JOHN ATTE HYDE, CAPELLANUS.

[4 MARCHE. FO. 31.]

Sunday next after the feast [July 7] of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, A.D. 1402. I, John Atte Hyde, chaplain, bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the church of the B. V. M. of Northpederton.

Item, to the vicar of the same place 40*d*.

Item, to the brethren of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem dwelling at Bokelonde 20*s*.

To the prioress and sisters of Bokelonde 20*s*.

13*s*. 4*d*. to be distributed to the poor for the health of my soul on the day of my burial.

To the convent of the Friars Minors of Bruggewater 40*d*.

To Brother William Bernard 20*d*.

To Agnes Serle, the younger, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Sir John Serle, chaplain, 2*s*. 6*d*.

To every priest in the said parish of Northpederton celebrating *divina* 12*d*.

To every clerk serving in the said church 6*d*.

To Robert Toky 20*d*.

The residue I give to Agnes, my sister, to dispose for the health of my soul and (the souls) of all my benefactors.

To execute this will I appoint the said Agnes, my sister, and Thomas Asschelock, my executors, and Sir John Coleforde, vicar of the church of Northpederton, my supervisor.

Proved 15th October, A.D. 1403, by Thomas Asschelocke, the executor named.

**1402. RIC. FEROR<sup>R</sup> AL. THORNY.**

[5 MARCHE. FO. 21.]

On the 27th day of the month of January, A.D. 1402, Master John Perche, commissary, granted that a commission be directed to Master Ralph Canon, canon of Wells, and Master Walter Hamme, perpetual vicar of the parish church of St. Cuthbert, of the city of Wells, and Nicholas Moore, notary public, jointly and severally to prove the will of Richard Feror otherwise Thorny, burgess of the said city of Wells.

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**1402. RIC. SYDENHAM.**

[4 MARCHE. FO. 25.]

On Monday next before the Feast [March 12] of St. Gregory the Pope, A.D. 1402, I, Richard Sydenham, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary of Stokgummer.

Item, I bequeath to Master Symon, my son, 10*l*.

I bequeath 40*s*. to be distributed amongst my poor tenants.

Item, I bequeath 20*s*. to the fabric of the church of Stokgummer, and 20*s*. to the fabric of the church of Monkensyluer.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Henry my son, to distribute for my soul as shall seem best to him; and I make Henry Sydenham and Master Symon Sydenham, my sons, my executors.

Proved 6th May, 1403, and administration committed to the executors.

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**1402. RALPH DAMESELE.**

[4 MARCHE. FO. 28.]

A.D. 1402, on Wednesday next after the Feast [March 20] of St. Cuthbert the Bishop, I, Ralph Damesele, &c., bequeath my body to holy burial.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wryngton one of my best cows (*unam vaccam meliorem*) and to the fabric of the church of Walton one cow, and to the rector of Wryngton 6s. 8d. To the rector of Walton, 40d.

The residue of all my goods I ordain to pay my debts, and I appoint John Doune and Sir John Lynlond executors with the supervision of Matilda, my wife.

Proved 5th July, A.D. 1403. Administration, &c., to John Doune.

**1403. MATTHEW CRAAS.**

[4 MARCHE. FO. 30.]

25th August, A.D. 1403, Master John Perche, Commissary, &c., granted a Commission to Thomas Lye, rector of the parish church of St. Peter, and Thomas Marchall, perpetual vicar of the parish church of All Saints, Bristol, to prove the will of Matthew Craas, Merchant (*Mercator*) of Frome Braunche, deceased.

**1404. JOHN BOUNT.**

[8 MARCHE. FO. 62.]

24th August, A.D. 1404, the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle. In the name of the holy and undivided Trinity I, John Bount, son and heir of John Bount late Burgess of the city of Bristol, make my will as follows:—

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin his mother, to St. John the Apostle and to all the saints, and my body to be buried wheresoever it shall please God; and

if I chance to die in Bristol then I desire to be buried in the churchyard of St. Mary Redclyffe, near the bodies of my brother Thomas and sister Margaret.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church, 40*d*.

Item, to the vicar there for the time being, 2*s*.

Item, to the parish priest of the church of Saint Thomas for the time being, 12*d*.

Item, I will that 5*s*. shall be distributed to the needy poor on the day of my funeral, if I chance to die in Bristol.

I bequeath to each of the orders of Mendicant Friars in Bristol, 2*s*.

Item, to Friar John Dernford, 40*s*., to have my soul and the souls of my parents and benefactors very specially in masses and other prayers.

Item, to Adam Cantwell of the Carthusian order, 20*s*. to pray specially for my soul, &c., as aforesaid.

Item, to Sir Adam of the Temple in London, 20*s*. in like manner.

Item, to John Cawnterbury 40*s*. for the true love he has often showed me, and 20*s*. more in consideration of a certain bed (*lecti*) given to me by him, now lost; also a certain book of mine of the Gospels (*Evangeliiis*) in English, which is in the custody of William Sturton.

Item, I bequeath to Matilda Canyng, 13*s*. 4*d*.

To Walter Wotton, weaver (*textor*), 6*s*. 8*d*.

To William Taillor, a like sum.

Item, to Roger my uncle, a yearly rent of 40*s*. for the term of his life, out of my profitable (*uberiori*) rent in the town and suburbs of Bristoll, besides my rent of 33*s*. issuing from a certain tenement belonging to me in Cornstret Bristoll, wherein John Austyn and Joan, his wife, now dwell, which last said rent I bequeath to John Pochyn, burgess of Bristoll, together with the reversion of the said tenement when it shall happen, to hold to him and his heirs of the chief lords of that fee for ever.

Item, I bequeath to John Beoff, apprentice to the court (*apprentiſ Cur*) and my partner, 40*s*., my new statutes (*nova statuta mea*) and my sword ornamented (*gladium meū phaleratum*) with silver; also my great harp and my cittern with a girl's face thereon (*quinternam meā cum facie damissett*.)



Item, to William Haversam my apprentice, a red coverlet (*coverletum*), a pair of sheets, one of my gowns (*juparum*),<sup>1</sup> a doublet (*doublettum*), and 6s. 8d., and I release him after my death from the bonds of his apprenticeship.

Item, I will that Richard Appulby, my apprentice, shall be delivered out of Newgate prison on condition that he agree with the said John Beoff, and I release him from his apprenticeship.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Manciple of the Middle Temple two marks, for the exceeding great kindness done to me.

Item, to John Bath, my best bed with all the apparel (*apparatu*) thereto belonging.

Item, to my uncle Roger, my two best gowns (*jupas*), one pair of blankets and a pair of my second best sheets.

Item, I will that William Pensford and Roger Bount, my feoffees of all my lands and tenements in Bristol, shall enfeof Thomas Bokeland, my brother on the mother's side, when he comes to the age of twenty-one, with a certain tenement of mine in which Richard Fenbrigge now dwells. I bequeath to the said Thomas also another tenement in which Thomas Williams, tailor, dwells, together with the cellar under the same; to hold to him and the heirs of his body; and if he die without issue I give the first-mentioned tenement and the said cellar to William Wermyster and Alice his wife for their lives, and the tenement where Richard Williams dwells to John Thorp for life. And after the decease of my said legatees, my will is that the said premises shall be sold to my next of kin on my mother's side at a better price than to any stranger, under the oversight of the Mayor and Bailiffs of Bristol for the time being, and that with the money therefrom arising chaplains shall be hired to celebrate divine service in the church of St. Thomas the Martyr of Bristoll, for my soul and the souls of my parents, and of Julian Frox, John Wale and Margaret his wife, and of all my benefactors so long as the said money shall last.

Item, I bequeath to the said Mayor, 6s. 8d., and to each of the bailiffs, 40d. to see my will duly executed in this point.

Item, I will that Alice Wermyster shall have the custody of my said brother Thomas till he come of age; together with the

<sup>1</sup> Jupa, vestis talaris species; *Jupe, pourpoint, soutane, tout vêtement d'homme ou de femme, qui cache les jambes.* (Ducange.)

tenement above bequeathed to him, upon condition that she finds him in all necessities until that time.

All the residue of my lands and tenements in Bristol, not above bequeathed, shall be sold by my executors to John Bath, if he will purchase the same, otherwise to John Barstaple; and with the money therefrom arising my executors shall hire chaplains to pray for my soul, and the souls of my mother and father, and of my lord William Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, my founder, and for the good state of his colleges in Winchester and Exeter.

The residue of my goods not herein before bequeathed I will shall be disposed of for my soul by John Pochyn, as he will think best, and as he will answer before God.

Item, I bequeath to the said John all my land in Tyknam and Hele, in co. Somerset, for his life, with remainder to Alice Wermyster for life, and then to the right heirs of Thomas Morell, my kinsman (*cognati mei*).

Item, I will that Walter Wale of Wroxall shall have all my land in Wroxall at Cokkelesford, to hold to him and his heirs for ever.

I appoint as my executors John Pochyn *alias* Bath, John Beef, William Pensford and William Robrok; and I will that William Pensford shall have 100s. for his exceeding great goodness shewn to me, and for the faithfulness of his person, and that William Robrok shall have 10s.

Proved, 6 February 140 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and administration granted to the three first-named executors; commission issued to William Robrok, last of the executors named, on the 30th of April following.

[An abstract of this Will will be found in Wadley's *Bristol Wills*, p. 73.]

#### 1404. JOHN WRYNGTON.

[7 MARCHE. FO. 54.]

15th Sept. A.D. 1404. John Wryngton, rector of the church of Wandestre [Wanstrow] in the diocese of Wells, languishing *in extremis*, made his will in this manner:—



First, he bequeathed his soul to God, and his body to be buried before the altar of St. Katherine in the church aforesaid.

Item, he bequeathed to the said church a cloth of gold of blue (*pannū aureū de blueto*) to make a vestment to serve God and the Blessed Mary in the said church; also one surplice, and 40s. to be employed about his funeral.

The residue of his goods he bequeathed to be disposed for his soul at the disposition of his executors, and appointed Thomas Bathe<sup>1</sup> and Nicholas Hardyng to provide for the execution hereof.

Dated at Glaston on the day abovesaid.

Proved 9 November, 1404, and administration committed to Nicholas Hardyng, one of the executors named, with power reserved for a like grant to the other.

And afterwards, viz. on 5th May following, the said Nicholas was acquitted by the Commissary.

#### 1404. JOHN KEN.

[7 MARCHE. FO. 56.]

A.D. 1404, Nov. 9th. I, John Ken, of Ken, &c.

My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of All Saints of Kyngyston Seymour, where I have caused a monument to be made for myself.

To the cathedral church of Wells 3s. 4d.

To the fabric of the church of All Saints of Kyngeston Seymour a brass pot (*ollam eneam*) which I have had newly made at Bristol outside the gate called Laffordesyate.

To the same church a chest locked with two locks for keeping the store (*stauro*) of the same church.

To the Friars of the order of Carmelites of Bristol 20s.

Friars Minors 20s.

Friars of the order of preachers 6s. 8d.

Augustine Friars 6s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Bathe "domicellus" presented testator's successor, Joh. Lylyle, to the benefice of Wanstrow on Sept. 24, 1404. *Somerset Incumbents*, 203.

To Robert, my son, my bed (*lectum*) with all its best apparel (*apparatu*) whereon I lie.

To the same my girdle with a baslard to the same annexed together with the bands (*ligaturis*) which I have in use for hose (*pro caligis*<sup>1</sup> *meis*) round my legs (*tibeas*).

To Letice, my servant (*servienti*) a brass pot "*cum curtis tibiis cum patella de Boleyn*," together with a cow for good service done to me.

To Sir Richard, my old and decrepit chaplain 15s.

Item, to Nigell Hamme, rector of Kyngeston aforesaid, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the same "*unum mortarium eneum cum pila ferrea et unum focarium ferreum cum Cista quam habui ex dono avunculi mei*."

I appoint the said Nigell and William Colman, of Yatton, my executors. They to give to my daughters those 100s. which otherwise I bequeathed to William Storton.

Proved 6th November, A.D. above. Administration committed to the executors named.

#### 1404. JOHN TORNBY.

[9 MARCHE. FO. 66.]

23 January, A.D. 1404, I, John Tornby, lord of Wolfryngton [Wolverton], make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Etheldreda in the parish church of Rode.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells 12d.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Rode, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the hospital of the Holy Trinity of Rome, 40s.

Item, I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth 20li.

To Thomas Moygne, 40s.

Item, I will that Elizabeth my wife shall find for my son Walter the things necessary for him, as in a certain writing sealed (*signato*) with my seal more fully is contained.

<sup>1</sup> For *caliga*, see *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 248.



The residue of my goods not above bequeathed I bequeath to Elizabeth my wife, and I make my said wife and Thomas Moygne executors of this my will.

Proved 14 May, 1405, and administration committed to the executors named.

#### 1404. ROGER WALSSCHE.

[9 MARCHE. FO. 68.]

1404. On the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, I, Roger Walssche, of Hotton [Hutton] in the diocese of Bath, make my testament as follows:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary of Hotton, and I give to the rector of the said church 20s. to pray for my soul.

Item, I give to the fabric of the said church, 40s.

Item, for the maintenance of a taper (*cerei*) burning before the image of the Blessed Mary there — [sum omitted].

Item, to the house of Bokeland, 20s.

I give 14 marks for the wages of two priests celebrating for my soul and the souls of all the faithful deceased in the said church of Hotton for a year, and this as soon as it may conveniently be done.

Item, I give 40s. to be distributed to the poor.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to my wife Alice, whom I make my executor jointly with John Gylys.

Proved 24 May, 1405, and administration granted to one John Gylly, one of the executors named, with power reserved, &c. And the executors were acquitted on the 20th June following.

[In Subsidy Roll 13 Hen. IV (1411-12) testator's son's (?) lands are thus set down:—

"Rog'us Walsh man. de Hutton ac cert. ter. in Langerygge et al. ter. in eod. com.—xxli."

(*Bath. F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 195.)]

## 1405. ROBERT WATTES.

[9 MARCHE. FO. 69.]

29th April, A.D. 1405. I, Robert Wattes, of Qwene Camel, bequeath my body to sacred burial in the church of St. Barnabas the Apostle of Qwene Camel.

Item, I give to the fabric of the chapel of St. Michael in the said church 100s.

Item, to the light (*lumini*) of St. Mary 10s. and to the light of the Holy Cross 3s. 4d.

To the vicar of the said church 13s. 4d.

To Sir Nicholas, chaplain of the parish church aforesaid, 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to Agnes, my daughter, a nun at Amnesbury, 10*li.* of silver, one cup, a maser bound with silver (*unum ciphum murriū argento ligatum*), a silver piece (*peciam*), and two silver spoons to be delivered by my wife Cristiana.

I bequeath to Robert, my son, two oxen that Robert Pinne hath, and 13*li.* 6s. 8d. due to me by William Wyot, of Waymothe. But if the said Robert, my son, do anything contrary to my last will, &c., I will that my said bequest shall be void and remain to my executors to dispose for my soul as shall seem best to them.

Item, I bequeath to Cristina, daughter of the said Robert, 10 marks, a bowl and dish of brass, a basin (*pelvim*) one pot (*unam ollam*), with a ewer (*lavatorio*) and half a bed (*dimidium lecti*) to be delivered by my wife.

Item, I bequeath to John, son of the said Robert, 40s.

Item, to the cathedral church of Wells 13s. 4d. to pray for my soul.

Item, to the Friars of Yevulcestre two quarters of wheat.

To the church of Northover 17s. that Vincent Loches owes me.

Item, to the vicar of the said church, 10s.

To every priest coming to the solemnization of my burial 6d.

Item, I bequeath to my godchildren taken by me from the font 4d. apiece.



Item, to each poor person coming to my funeral 1*d*.

To Thomas Knoyel 40*s*.

To Robert Skynner 20*s*.

To Stephen Clerk 12*d*.

To Margaret, my female servant, 20*s*.

Item, I give to the causeway paving (*calecto*) of Chelcroftes-lane 6*s*. 8*d*.

The residue of my goods, after my funeral expenses and debts are paid, I give to my wife Cristiana, whom I make my executrix, together with Thomas Knoyel and Robert Skynner; and I appoint Brother William Patehulle, Master of the Hospital of St. John of Bruggewater, overseer of this my will.

Proved 6th June, A.D. 1405. Administration granted to Cristiana, the relict and executrix named, in the person of Master Thomas Cosyn, rector of the parish church of West-cammel, her proctor in this behalf. And on the 24th of the same month the Commissary acquitted the said Cristiana.

#### 1405. JOHN MANYNGFORD.

[11 MARCHE. FO. 82.]

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of the month of February, A.D. 1405, Master John Perche, Commissary-General &c., acquitted one Joan, relict and executrix of the will of John Manyngford, of the diocese of Bath, from rendering further account in this behalf, in the common form.

#### 1406. SIR WILLIAM BAW.

[11 MARCHE. FO. 86.]

12th July, A.D. 1406. Administration of the goods of Sir William Baw, rector of the parish church of Greynton, intestate, granted to John Goundenham and John Gilberd, "*domicellus*," of the diocese of Bath and Wells.

Afterwards it was found that he died "*testatus*."

Master Thomas Barton, John Dey, and Andrew Legge, executors of the will of Sir William Bawe, rector, &c. (as above), are acquitted.

#### 1406. ROBERT CHIPPELEIGH.

[12 MARCHE.]

I, Robert Chippeleigh, on Friday next before the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, A.D. 1406, &c.

First, I bequeath my soul to God, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Michael the Archangel, of Milverton.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of the church there to pray for my soul, one trental (*trentale*).

To Michael Waleys, if he wish to be a chaplain, 2s. 6d. to celebrate for my soul.

To William Benet, clerk of the same church, if he wish to be a chaplain, 2s. 6d.

Item, I give and bequeath to Alice, my wife, two tenements in Milverton, whereof one is called "Newplace," situate between the tenements called "Stokhous" on the north side, and "Skynerplace" on the south side, as fully as I acquired it of John Chippeleigh, my father, with all its appurtenances; [and] the other tenement is called "Brompfordplace," situate in the street called "le Willestrete," between the tenement of William Shoremon on the south side, and the tenement of John Wyte on the north side. To have and to hold all the said tenements, &c., to the said Alice and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten. Paying to the chief lords of that fee the rents and services thereof due and of right accustomed. And if it happen that the said Alice shall die without heir lawfully begotten of her body, then I will and grant that all the said tenements shall remain to William, my bastard son, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, &c. And if it happen that the said William shall die without heir of his body lawfully begotten, then I give and bequeath the said two tenements to Alice, wife of Thomas Hurdyng, [and] to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, &c. And if it happen that the aforesaid Alice, wife of Thomas



Hurdyng, shall die without heir of her body lawfully begotten, then I will that my executors do sell all the aforesaid tenements and distribute the money coming therefrom for the souls of my father, my mother, my wife, and all other my friends deceased as they shall deem most expedient.

Item, I bequeath to Alice, my wife, all my goods movable and immovable in my hall, chamber, and kitchen, wheresoever they are found.

Item, I bequeath to Alice, my wife, four oxen and two cows.

To the same Alice all grain or corn growing in Byndon, Lovelynych, Smalbrok, and Hamme atte Wode, on condition that the same Alice shall find a fit chaplain to celebrate and pray for my soul and [the souls] of my parents for one entire year.

Item, I bequeath for making anew the bells (*Campan*) at Milverton 40s., which my father bequeathed for the same (*ad easdem*).

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Hurdyng one blue embroidered gown (*Iuþ bloð stragulatam*).

To Roger Honeford one embroidered gown (*Iuþ St<sup>a</sup>gūt*) with fur (*cum furrū*) [and] a horse-saddle with a bridle (*j sellam equam cum freno*).

To Walter Cheil one embroidered gown (*Iuþ St<sup>a</sup>gūt*).

To John Cloune one gown (*Iuþ*).

To William, my son, two gowns, one whereof of "Ray" and the other of "Russet."

To Alice, my wife, a silver cup with a "Couerkle" pertaining to the same, and six silver spoons.

To Joan, my servant, 5s.

To John Loueny, chaplain, to celebrate for my soul 2s. 6d.

To Thomas Hurdyng one quarter of wheat, one quarter of barley, and one quarter of oats.

The residue of all my goods I give to Alice, my wife.

Proved 8th November, A.D. abovesaid.

Administration committed to Alice, the relict and executrix named, &c.

## 1406. THOMAS HORE.

[11 MARCHE. FO. 88.]

2nd September, A.D. 1406. Master John Perche, clerk, Commissary, &c., acquitted Joan Hore, relict, and Luke Fyssher, executors of the will of Thomas Hore, burgess of Wells, deceased.

## 1406. WILLIAM CARENT.

[13 MARCHE. FO. 100.]

Monday next after the Feast of St. Gregory the Pope, A.D. 1406. I, William Carent the elder, make my will in this manner :—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of Montacute (*montis acuti*), before the altar of the cross.

Item, I bequeath to each priest of the monks of Montacute (*montis acuti*) aforesaid, 13s. 4d.

Item, to three other monks of the said place, to each of them, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the vicar of the church of St. Katherine of Montacute, one trental (*unam trentinale*).

Item, to the church of St. Andrew of Wells, 6s. 8d.

Item, to each priest in the church of Yeovil (*Jeuett*), 12d.

Item, to the Friars Preachers of Iwelcestre, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Friars Minors of Bruggewaterre, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to the Friars of Dorcestre a quarter of wheat (*frumenti*), a quarter of barley (*ordei*), and a quarter of oats (*aven*<sup>9</sup>).

Item, to the church of Yeovil (*Jeuett*), a cow for a lamp (*lampade*).

Item, to the chantry of Marnhull, my silver chalice (*calicem*).

Item, I bequeath to the church there, 20s.

Item, to the church of Wynterburne Martyn, 6s. 8d.



Item, to William, my son, a napkin (*mappam*) with one towel (*manutergio*), one piece with a cover of silver, and twelve spoons of silver which are marked (*que consignantur*) with W. and K. Also one horn (*cornu*) with cover of silver and gilt (*argenti et deaurati*) in which I was accustomed to drink at the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, a gold ring with a sapphire stone (*petra safour*) and a gold seal from heir to heir (*de herede in heredem*).

Item, I bequeath to Alice Horci, my daughter, a napkin (*mappam*) with one towel (*manutergio*), a piece of silver, twelve spoons of silver which are marked (*que consignantur*) with a K, and forty sheep (*multones*).

Item, to Margery, my daughter, two napkins (*mappas*) with two towels (*manutergiis*), a piece of silver, twelve spoons of silver which are marked (*que consignantur*) with J. and K., a bed (*lectum*), of chaplet (*de Chapelet*), and 40*li.* to her marriage.

Item, to Thomas Cayl, rector of Brymton, a bed (*lectum*) in which I lie at Montague with hangings and curtains (*Soybers<sup>1</sup> et Curteyns*), a napkin (*mappam*), one gown (*jupa*) of russet furred (*penulaſ*) with "Cristigrey," one other fur (*furour<sup>2</sup>*) of "Cristigrey"; a book called "Porthors" [Breviary], and twenty sheep (*multones*).

Item, I bequeath to John Cole the younger of Cattecote, twelve sheep (*multones*).

Item, to Robert Pyle, my servant (*servienti*), twelve sheep (*multones*).

Item, to Peter, my man servant (*famulo*), a bed of mine (*unum lectum meum*) entire at Wynterburne, besides one "materas" there, and 6*s.* 8*d.*, and the bed in which the said Peter lies at Montague.

Item, I bequeath to a priest to celebrate at Wynterburne Martyn in the next year after the date of these presents for all souls for whom I am bound to pray (*teneor deprecare*), 100*s.*

Item, I bequeath to each of my tenants who hold by copy or according to the custom of the manor, the rent of one quarter after my last day (*diem meum extremum*).

The residue of all my goods I give and bequeath to William Carent, the younger, my godson (*filiolo*), and to Alice, his mother ;

<sup>1</sup> *Soybers* is written, but *seylers* may be meant.

and I ordain as my executors William Carent, my son (*filium*), and Thomas Cayl, rector of Brymton.

Proved 13th April, 1407, and power committed to one Master John Benet, rector of the parish church of Pytteneye, to receive the oaths of the executors, &c. On the 7th of May, 1412, the said executors were acquitted.

[In Subsidy Roll, 13 Hen. IV, testator's *son's* lands in Somerset are as follows :—

“Wills Carent man. de Merssh et ter. in Milbornport, Thomere (Toomer) Yevele et Kyngeston juxta Yevele, cli. vjs. viijd.”  
(*Bath F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 191.)]

### 1407. ADAM BRADEWELL.

[14 MARCHE. FO. 106.]

1407, April 10. I, Adam Bradewell, rector of the church of Whritlyngton, make my will as follows :—

I bequeath to the mother church of Worcester, 40*d*.

Item, to the vicar of Longdoñ church, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to John Uppyntoñ, 2*s*.

I give to each priest present at my obsequies (*exequias*), 12*d*.

Item, to each light (*lumini*) of the said church of Longdoñ, which the parishioners find, 12*d*.

Item, to the mother church of Wells, 40*d*.

Item, to the mother church of Bath, 40*d*.

Item, to each light (*lumini*) of Whrytlyngton church, 6*d*.

Item, to the fabric of a porch (*porche*) of the said church, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, in distribution to my poor parishioners, 10*s*.

The residue of my goods I will and grant shall be spent by my executors in the celebration of masses and in distribution to the poor, and in other pious uses for my soul and the souls of all my benefactors ; and I make William Wrenford, Richard Smethesende, and John Blake, chaplains, my executors.

Proved 9th July, 1407, and administration granted to John Blake, chaplain, with power reserved, &c. ; and afterwards, viz., on the 5th of August following, the commissary acquitted the said John in the common form.



## 1407. RICHARD GROOS.

[13 MARCHE. FO. 102.]

I, Richard Groos, burgess of Wells, on Wednesday next before the Feast of Holy Trinity, A.D. 1407, make my will in this manner:—

My body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of St. Cuthbert, of Wells.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of the church aforesaid for tithes forgotten, to pray for my soul, 20s.

Item, to every chaplain celebrating and serving in the same church, one trental (*tricennale*).

Item, to the three clerks of the same church, to each of them 6d.

To the Prior and brethren, priests, celebrating masses in the Hospital of St. John, of Wells, to each of them one trental (*tricennale*).

Item, to the priest vicar of the new close of the vicars of Wells, and to each "*annuelarius*" in the same church, 6d.

Item, to each chaplain coming and being present at my obsequies on the night next before my burial, 2d.

Item, to every poor person, men, women, and boys, coming on the day of my burial to seek the alms of Christ, 1d., or one loaf of the same price.

Item, to every poor person, men and women of the infirmary of the Hospital of St. John, of Wells, 4d.

Item, to every decrepit and blind person as well men as women of the town (*ville*) of Wells aforesaid, 4d.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Cuthbert, of Wells, and to the fraternity of the Holy Trinity in the same, 20s.

Item, to the fraternity of St. Mary in the same, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the vicar of the parish church of Mountagu and to every chaplain serving in the same, one trental (*tricennale*).

Item, to the fabric of the church of Mountagu, 20s., or one vestment which I shall provide anew, with the apparel (*appellatu*) of the same.

Item, I bequeath to Agnes, my wife, two messuages in Wells

on the south side of St. Cuthbert's street ; one whereof is situate between the messuage of John Bageworth, on the east side, and the messuage wherein I inhabit, on the west side. The other messuage is situate between the messuage of Thomas Tanner on the east side, and the messuage of John Laueranz on the west side. To have and to hold the aforesaid two messuages to the aforesaid Agnes and her assigns for the term of the life of the same Agnes, of the chief lords, &c. To hold yearly as long as she shall live my obit on the same day whereon it shall happen that I pass from this light, in the church of St. Cuthbert aforesaid, and in the church of St. John the Baptist, of Wells, to pay the same day to the vicar of the church of St. Cuthbert every year as long as the same Agnes shall live at the obsequies of the said obit, 4*d.*, and to every other chaplain celebrating and serving in the same church, 2*d.*, to each of the three clerks aforesaid, 1*d.*, and to the two wardens of the goods of the said church, to each of them, 2*d.*, to the Prior of the Hospital aforesaid, 4*d.*, and to each brother, 2*d.*, and to every poor man and woman of the infirmary of the Hospital aforesaid, 1*d.*

After the decease of the aforesaid Agnes the said messuage situate between the tenement of John Bageworth, &c., to remain to John, my son, for the term of his life, &c., supporting the charges as the said Agnes ought to do. After the decease of the said John, and Richard, my sons, I will that the same messuage remain to the Master and commonalty of the burgh of Wells, for ever, to do and support in the church of St. Cuthbert of Wells, for ever, as the said Agnes, my wife, above is charged. The other messuage, after the decease of the said Agnes, to remain to Richard, my son, for his life supporting the charges assigned to the said Agnes. And after the decease of the said John and Richard the said messuage shall remain to the prior of the Hospital of St. John of Wells, for ever, supporting the charges assigned to the said Agnes. If it happen that either of my said sons die before the other the said two messuages shall remain to the survivor as long as he shall live, &c.

I bequeath half a c. of wax and "Rosyn" to make six great tapers and other smaller ones and to be held around my body at my obsequies and to be carried to the church and to be held there at the mass.



To six poor men carrying the said six tapers, to each of them, one gown with a hood (*capucia*), one pair of hose (*caligarum*), and one pair of shoes (*sotularium*).

To John, my son, 10*li.* one entire bed with the whole apparel (*apparatu*), two silver spoons, the worth of each 2*s.*, one brass pot, one plate (*patella*), and one basin with a ewer (*lavator*<sup>9</sup>).

To Richard, my son, 10*li.*, one bed, &c.

To John Pope "Tyler" my best gown with a hood.

To Richard, my sister's husband, my second best gown with a hood.

To Joan, my sister, three yards of cloth.

7 marks to provide a fit chaplain for one year in the church of St. Cuthbert to celebrate for my soul and the souls of all the faithful deceased.

To John Stoke, "baker," my poinard (*basilardum*),<sup>1</sup> and one pair of beads of amber (*et unum par precum de Lambour*).

To John Shepherd, my long poinard.

To John Wycombe, 20*s.*, and Thomas Weye, 20*s.*

All things bequeathed to John, my son, shall remain in the custody of Agnes, my wife, till he shall complete his service with his master, and all bequeathed to Richard, my son, shall remain, &c., till he shall come to lawful age.

The residue to Agnes, my wife, and I make her my executrix.

Proved the penultimate day of May, A.D. 1407, by Agnes, relict, &c.

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## 1407. THOMAS WOTH.

[15 MARCHE. FO. 116.]

A.D. 1407, on Monday next after the Feast of the Nativity of the B. V. Mary, I, Thomas Woth, bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary of Canyngton.

<sup>1</sup> Basalardus, ensis brevis species ; coutelas (*Ducange*).

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Sarum, 3s. 4d. A missal, a breviary, a chalice of silver and gilt, a pair of vestments, "*cum facitergiis<sup>1</sup> paxebrede unam campanam Crewetts,*" and other things pertaining to the said altar to the chapel of St. Nicholas of Wothe [Worth, Sussex].

To every priest coming on the day of my burial to Canyngton 6d. To every clerk being there 2d. 60s. for three trentals of St. Gregory. 12 marks 6s. 8d. [2,000d.] for 2,000 masses to be celebrated for my soul within a fortnight after the day of my burial.

4 marks by the year for twenty years to clothe six poor men in white linnen cloth, viz., in gowns (*jupis*), hoods (*capiciis*), hose (*saligis*) [*caligis*] and shoes. And this shall be levied from my goods and chattels, and if my goods do not come (*devenire*) to this then my feoffees shall levy it from my lands and give it to my executors to pay it on the days of my anniversary, to pray for my soul in the same vestments; and those and all other poor coming on the night and the day of my anniversary for the time abovesaid shall have in food and drink 6s. 8d.

6s. 8d. for priests and clerks at my obsequies at the terms abovesaid.

To Emeline, my mother, 40 marks to provide Thomas and Robert, my sons, in all things necessary for them till the age of sixteen years.

To Elizabeth, my daughter, 100 marks, to marry her.

To the prioress of Canyngton 40 marks to provide (*invenien-dum*) Elizabeth, my daughter, if she shall happen to live to the age of ten years, but if she does not, to pray for my soul and the [souls] of my parents and friends.

To Ellen, my sister, 20s.

To the nuns there serving God 20s.

To Sir John Herte, vicar of Canyngton, 6s. 8d.

To Sir John Crosse one trental.

To Sir John, priest of Bromfeld, one trental.

To Elizabeth Morgan 40 marks with a bed (*lecto*) "de Pauli," viz., of white and blue with the curtains and all the apparel (*apparatu*).



To Alice, my sister, of Polslo, 20s.

To Katherine, my sister, 40s.

To Patrick Moune, 40s.

To the vicar of Netherbury 10s. for tithes forgotten.

To the vicar of Bradepole 6s. 8*d.* to celebrate for my soul.

Item, to lady Elizabeth Beauchampe 12 ewes.

To John Iewe, William Iewe, and Robert Woth the custody of the lands and marriage of Richard Byccombe and Robert Morgan, to fulfil my last will and to pay my debts.

To Richard Byccombe all my necessary utensils pertaining to my "*hospicium*" of Bromfeld, viz., a "bason," a "lafin," a "Potte du Tene, demy doson du Pewter vesselles vj pannys ij crockys," a "posnet," a "brondire," a "broche," and other necessities pertaining to "Brewerne."

To the said Richard a "Baselard harneysed" with silver, and a silver girdle (*zonam*), and a gown (*togam*) de "Worstedde Furrez one Poleyngrey."

To Robert, my brother, my sword and girdle (*zonam*) of silver, and a "Huke Furrez."<sup>1</sup>

To Emeline, my mother, a bed (*lectum*) of "Blewe" with a "Tapice."

If Emeline, my mother, die before Robert, my brother, he shall be paid 10 marks from the lands and tenements of Putton, then the said Robert shall hold them till he shall be fully satisfied in respect of the said 10 marks.

The residue I give to my executors to dispose for my soul, &c.

I appoint executors John Iewe, Willam Iewe, Robert Woth, my brother, Thomas, parson of the church of Pulesdon, John Warre, Thomas Crowe, Richard Otery, and John Orchard.

Item, I bequeath to my executors the custody of the lands of John Waterman, son and heir of John Waterman.

Item, to John Orchard the marriage of John Waterman.

Proved 6th November A.D. abovesaid. Administration granted to Richard Woth, esquire, brother of the said deceased.

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<sup>1</sup> A furred huke. Wright's *Provincial Glossary* gives under *huke*, "a sort of loose upper garment, sometimes furnished with a hood, originally worn by men and soldiers, but afterwards chiefly by women."

## 1407. THOMAS RYMOUR.

[16 MARCHE. FO. 121.]

A.D. 1407, to wit, the 25th day of February, the fifth hour of the same day, I, Thomas Rymour, citizen of the city of Bath, in the presence of Sir John Norton, chaplain, and Philip Smythe, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the blessed Mary de Stall of Bath.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church aforesaid, 40s.

Item, to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells, 40d.

Item, to the vicar of Stall aforesaid, 10s. for my tithes forgotten and wrongly tithed (*male decimatis*).

Item, I bequeath to John Taylour, my servant (*servienti*), 100s.

To John Touker, my servant, 40s.

Item, to John Maleyn my servant, 40s.

Item, I bequeath to Alice Byllyng, 20*li*. sterling.

Item, to John Norton, chaplain, 5*s*., to celebrate two trentals for my soul.

Item, to John Sauage, chaplain, 5*s*. for the like.

Item, I give and bequeath to John Baret, vicar of Stall, Richard Wydcombe and Thomas Smyth, skinner, all my tenement with one curtilage adjacent and all its appurtenances being in the West Street of the city of Bath, to have and to hold to them, their heirs and assigns for ever of the chief lords of that fee, by the services thereof due and accustomed. And I give unto them all my tenement in the South Street of the city aforesaid, to hold as above.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give unto Richard Wydcombe, Thomas Smythe and John Porke, to ordain and dispose for my soul as shall seem best to them; and I make them my executors, and the said John Baret and Thomas Stanfory my overseers, provided, moreover, that my executors shall presume to do nothing in the premises without the consent and will of the said John Baret and Thomas Stanfory.

Proved 5th March in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to Thomas Smythe, &c.



1407. ALICE RYMOUR.

[16 MARCHE. FO. 121.]

A.D. 1407, to wit, the 25th day of February, the ninth hour of the same day, I, Alice, wife late of Richard Rymour, citizen of the city of Bath, in the presence of Richard Cleve, "taylor," and William Harsrygge, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the blessed Mary de Stall of Bath.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church aforesaid, my wedding ring and my best veil (*flameolum*).

Item, I bequeath to John Baret, vicar of the same church, for my tithes forgotten and badly tithed, 40s.

Item, to Sir William Sauage, 40*d.*, to celebrate for my soul.

Item, to Sir John Norton, 40*d.* for the like.

Item, I bequeath to the parish clerk of the church aforesaid, 20*d.*

To John Taylour, my servant, 40s.

To John Touker, my servant, 20s.

Item, to Joan Cornour, my gown of "Watchet"<sup>1</sup> and one veil (*flamiolum*).

Item, I bequeath to Joan, my sister, three yards of my best cloth to make her a gown, and my second best veil (*flamiolum*).

Item, to each of my godsons and goddaughters, 12*d.*

Item, to John Malyn, my servant, 20s.

To Isabella, wife of Richard Taylour of Bathe, 40s.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Thomas Stanfery, Richard Wydcombe and John Porke, to ordain and dispose for my soul, and I make them my executors; and the said John Baret and Thomas Smythe, skinner, my overseers.

Proved 5th March in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executors named.

<sup>1</sup> Watchet [Chaucer has *waget*; perhaps from an O. Fr. *wager* from a L. L. *wadiare*, to dye with woad, from G. *waid*, woad]. Pale or light blue. "Watchet mantles," Spenser. "A robe of watchet hue," Spenser. (From the *Imperial Dictionary*.)

## 1407. MARGERY BROKWORTH.

[16 MARCHE. FO. 123.]

March 12th, A.D. 1407. I, Margery Brokworth, of Bath, make my testament in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene at Holeweye next Bath.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Wells, 6*d*.

Item, to Sir John, my rector, for my tithes forgotten, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, for the holding of my exequies and for interring my body, 40*s*.

Item, I give 13 gowns (*togas*) to clothe so many poor persons, and 13 pairs of shoes (*sotulař*).

Item, to William Sewall, a brass pot (*ollam eneam*) and a dish (*patellam*).

Item, to Robert, son of the said William, a bason with ewer (*pelvem cum lavař*).

Item, to Margery, daughter of Nicholas Prest, a tunic furred with "calabre" (*unam tunicam furratam de Calabre*), a hood (*capicium*) of scarlett, and half (*dimidiam partem*) a veil (*veli*) of Cypres.

Item, to Roger, son of Henry Touker, a cover, a pair of sheets and a basin with ewer (*cũ lauacř*).

To Agnes, wife of William Sewall, one half a veil (*veli*) of Cypres.

Item, to Agnes Hendeman, a tunic of red (*tunicam de rubeo*), and half a veil of Cypres.

Item, to Joan, my female servant (*famula*), a tunic of red and a thread veil (*velũ de filo*).

Item, to John, rector of the church of St. James, a tablecloth (*mensale*)<sup>1</sup> and a table (*tabulam*).

All the residue of my goods not above bequeathed I give to my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem best to them; and I ordain William Bartelott and Sir John Churcheward my executors, and William Sewell overseer.

<sup>1</sup> Mensale, mappa, linteam stragulum quo mensa insternitur (*Ducange*).



In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal in the presence of John Eyton, John Northfolk, John Whyttokesmede and others.

Proved 1st April, 1408, and administration granted to the executors named on 7th April following.

### 1408. JOHN CABLE.

[17 MARCHE. FO. 132.]

11th July, A.D. 1408. I, John Cable, of Fromebraunch, make my will as follows:—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. John the Baptist of Frome, by (*juxta*) the body of Julian, formerly my consort.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the vicar of Frome for my tithes forgotten, 40s. sterling.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the nave of the church of Frome the value (*valorem*) of 10*li.* of my moveable goods.

Item, I will that my executors shall cause a thousand masses to be celebrated for my soul immediately after my decease.

Item, I will that thirteen poor men shall be clad with white or black garments (*induantur vestibus albis vel nigris*) on the day of my burial (*sepulture*) to pray for my soul each holding tapers (*cereos*) burning in their hands.

Item, I will that one suitable priest shall celebrate for three years continually (*per tres annos continuos*) at the altar of the holy Cross in Frome for my soul, taking yearly 8 marks sterling.

Item, I bequeath 6*li.* of money to be distributed to the poor on the day of my burial.

Item, to Joan, my wife, one-third part of all my moveable goods, in the name of her third of her pourparty which she may claim of my goods by reason of my death.

Item, I bequeath to Lucy, my daughter, 40*li.* sterling, and a silver cup (*cuphum*), the second best, with the cover (*coopertorio*) thereof, and six silver spoons.

Item, I bequeath to Dionysia, my daughter, 40*li.* sterling of my moveable goods, and a silver cup (*ciphū*) with the cover thereof, and six silver spoons.

Item, to Thomas, my brother, 20*s.* sterling and a gown (*toga*) of green colour.

Item, to John Frome, clerk, 20*s.* sterling and six spoons.

Item, to Henry Twynyho, 20*s.* sterling.

Item, to William Stevenys, burgess of the town of Bristol, 20*li.* sterling (*ad supportand onus testamenti mei*).

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Gloucester, chaplain, 20*s.* sterling to pray for my soul.

Item, to Sir John Grene, chaplain, a gown of blue (*blodiū*) colour, furred.

Item, I bequeath 10*li.* sterling for the building of the house William Baker holds of me.

Item, I will that that timber (*illud meremium*) which I have at Cayv' [Cayford], shall remain for the building of the said house.

Item, I bequeath to Edward, my servant (*famulo*) 20*s.* sterling, and a bed suitable for his standing (*statui suo competens*).

Item, to John Beche 14*li.* sterling out of the debt of John Fyschewyke.

Item, to Thomas Furbor 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to Amere, my female servant (*famule*), 20*s.* sterling.

To Edmund Webbe 13*s.* 4*d.*

To John Banewell 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Margery Banewell 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Tybote, my female servant, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to Joan, my servant, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to James Craas 13*s.* 4*d.*

The residue of all my goods I will shall be divided into two parts, one part whereof shall remain in the possession of my executors, and they shall dispose in works of charity to the use of the poor for the health of my soul, and for the soul of Julian my consort, late deceased ; the other part shall remain to Lucy and Dionisia, my daughters, equally to be divided between them. And if it happen that the said Lucy and Dionisia have been able peacefully to enjoy the third part of my goods as I have



bequeathed (*tercia parte bonorum meorum prout superius legavi*) then I will that each of them shall not have the 40*li.* sterling above bequeathed them, excepting the cups (*ciphis*) and spoons; but if they (*sic*) have not been able to enjoy it, then I will that each of them shall have the 40*li.* sterling together with the cups (*ciphis*) and spoons.

I ordain as my executors William Stevenys, burgess of the town of Bristol, Richard Molde, clerk, and John Norton, of Frome; and as their overseers, John Sodbury, citizen of London, and John Beche, of Frome.

Proved 3rd October in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to John Norton, one of the executors named, with power reserved, &c. And commission was directed to Masters Adam Attewyll, vicar of Fromebraunche, and William Bryghtlampton, perpetual vicar of the parish church of St. Leonard of Bristol, to grant administration to the other executors. And on the last day of October, 1408, the said executors were acquitted of the commission aforesaid.

[The Cables were a well-known family at Frome, and their rebus, a K and a bell, occurs in a window in Frome Church. It also occurred in Grove Farm in Cayford, a house pulled down about six years ago.

A John Cable is mentioned in *Exchequer Lay Subsidies*, 1327-8 (*S.R.S.*, III, 125). He is called John Cable junior, and this seems to imply a John Cable senior as among the missing Frome names on p. 124. The name is also found as a witness to two deeds dated 1395, *penes* Mr. Daniel of Nunney.

For the above information the Editor begs to thank Preb. Daniel, Rector of Horsington.]

## 1408. JOHN BEAUSANT.

[17 MARCHE. FO. 130.]

Friday, the 17th of August, A.D. 1408. I, John Beausant of Northcurre, make my will as follows:—

First, I bequeath my soul to God, the Blessed Mary his mother, and all his saints, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Friars Minors in the city of Winchester.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of my parish church of Northcurre 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to the vicar of the said church 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Sir John Wolf, chaplain of the church, 12*d*.  
 Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the chapel of Northcurre  
 3*s*. 4*d*.  
 To Sir William Wylyg of the said chapel 3*s*. 4*d*.  
 To Sir John Mylys 3*s*. 4*d*.  
 Item, to the fabric of the church of St. John in the soke of  
 Winchester, 12*d*.  
 To Sir Richard, rector of the said church, 12*d*.  
 Item, I bequeath to Sir John Ferror, chaplain of the said  
 church, 6*d*.  
 To Sir John Pryccher, another chaplain of the said church,  
 and to Sir Thomas Gornay, likewise chaplain there, 6*d*. apiece.  
 To John Trent, my serving-man (*famulo*) 6*s*. 8*d*.  
 Item, to William Chamber, 6*s*. 8*d*.  
 To William Maryon, and to John, son of Richard Tanner,  
 3*s*. 4*d*. apiece.  
 Item, I give to Emota, daughter of Robert Gote, 13*s*. 4*d*.  
 The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed, after  
 payment of my debts, I bequeath to Isabella my wife, to  
 do therewith at her pleasure; and I make the said Isabella and  
 Robert Beausant, my son, executors of this my will, and Richard  
 Tanner aforesaid overseers thereof.  
 Proved 30th August, 1422, and commission issued directed  
 to the rector, vicar or chaplain of the parish of Northcurre  
 aforesaid, to grant administration to the executors in the will  
 named.

### 1408. THOMAS TERRY.

[18 MARCHE. FO. 142.]

I, Thomas Terry, Canon of Wells, this 20th day of January,  
 A.D. 1408, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the church of Wells,  
 in the tomb (*tumulo*) which I have lately had prepared for my  
 burial.

Item, I bequeath to each canon and vicar of the said church  
 present at my exequies, as well in my house as in the church at



the "*placebo*" and "*dirige*" at vespers, 6*d.*, and at the mass of my burial, another 6*d.*; and to each other chaplain present, 2*d.*

Item, I will that no public service (*commune solempne*) shall be held for me on the day of my burial, except of (*de*) the ministers who shall be serving about the altar in celebrating the mass of my burial, and of the poor coming together to my burial.

Item, I will that, as soon as conveniently may be, cloth of russet to the value of 5 marks shall be bought and distributed among my poor parishioners of Bokelonde and Symondysburghe at the discretion of my executors, that they may specially pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church of Wells 5 marks to be raised (*levandas*) out of the goods which are due unto me in the said church.

Item, I will that my household servants (*famuliares mei*) shall have meat and drink (*esculenta et poculenta*) of my goods for one month after my decease, so that in the meanwhile they may provide themselves with services (*ut interim possint sibi de serviciis suis providere*); and each of them shall have his whole salary for one year.

Item, I bequeath to John Ayshwyke, one maser (*maserum*) bound with silver with a cover silver gilt (*argento ligatum cum cooperculo argenteo deaurato*).

Item, to John Garslade, my servant (*famuliari*), 4*os.*, one brass pot (*ollam eneam*) and pan (*patellam*), and vessels of electro<sup>1</sup> (*vasa electrina*) to be appointed at the discretion of my executors, and clothing for the springtime.

Item, to John Dulcynge, my groom (*garcioni*), 2*os.*, and clothing for the spring.

Item, to John James, my pupil (*alumpno*), 4*os.*, and clothing for the spring.

Item, I bequeath to John Terry, my brother, a new gown with a hood, and 2*os.*; and to the wife of the said John a gown with a hood, and 2*os.*

Item, I bequeath to the two daughters of the said John Terry not married, to each of them a new gown with a hood, and a

<sup>1</sup> Electrum : mixtura quædam æris et stanni nomen sumens cum electro a coloris similitudine (*Ducange*).

sum of money for their marriage at the discretion of my executors.

Item, to John Smythe of Cokesle, a new gown with a hood, and to his wife, my kinswoman (*cognate mee*), a new gown with a hood, and 20s., one brass pot and dish, and one basin with ewer.

Item, to Thomas Garslade, my servant (*famuliari*), 20s.

Item, I will that Stephen Webbe, my tenant (*tenens*), shall be sufficiently remunerated for his labour at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I remit and release to William Pokyngton all the debt he owes me, to wit, 4 marks, and I will that his pledges (*vadia*), which I have in my keeping shall be delivered back to him.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Master Thomas Cosyn and John Hody, canons of the church of Wells, to dispose the same for my soul, and I make them my executors; and to each of them for their labour I bequeath 5*l.* and a silver cup with a cover.

Proved the last day of January in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executor named, &c.

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## 1408. JOHN PASSEWARE.

[18 MARCHE. FO. 143.]

A.D. 1408, last day of January. I, John Passeware, rector of the church or chapel of Compton Hawey [Over Compton] diocese of Sarum, bequeath my soul to God and my body to be buried in the porch (*portica*) of the parish church of Lymyngton, diocese of Wells.

Item, to the church of Wells 40*d.*

Item, for thirty trentals to be celebrated 5 marks and 15*s.*

To the rector of the church of Sampfford a best bed with all the apparel (*apparatu*), a silver cup with a cover, a maser (*maserum*), six good spoons, and a "*manuale*."

Item, to the church of Compton Hawey a "*missale*," an "*ordinale*" and two pairs of vestments which are in the church.

To the Friars of Ieuelcestre one quarter of wheat.



The residue of all my goods, &c., I give to Robert Passeware, rector of Sampford.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Knoyell my estate which I have in my tenement in Lymyngton, called "Waleffordes."

I make Robert Passeware, Robert Knoyell, Roger Werewyk, Adam Langthorn, and John Passeware my executors.

8th February, A.D. 1408, commission issued to prove.

### 1409. WILLIAM MAINELL.

[19 MARCHE. FO. 151.]

The 2nd day of December, A.D. 1409, a commission was directed to Sir Robert Percyvale, rector of the parish church of Sawmford, diocese of Bath and Wells, to commit administration of all the goods, &c., of William Mainell, of Sawmford, intestate, to Isabella, relict of the said William, John, her son, and Joan, her younger daughter.

They were acquitted 14th December, in the said year.

### 1409. JOHN GRENE.

[20 MARCHE. FO. 157.]

On Thursday, the morrow of the Circumcision of the Lord, A.D. 1409. I, John Grene, canon of the church of Wells, bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the chapel of St. Martin in the church aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to be distributed in the choir (*in choro*), between the ministers (*ministros*), of the church, as the custom is, on the day of my sepulture, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to the work (*opus*) or fabric of the church of the Blessed Andrew aforesaid 20s.

To my mother if she be alive 20s.

To Master Thomas Barton 20s.

To John Leye 40s. and a best piece (*pecia*) of silver with a cover,

To John Huglet 40s. and a second best piece of silver with a cover.

To William Pheleppes, chaplain, 13s. 4d. to pray for my soul.

To John West 20s. and a piece of silver called "*brode pēc.*"

To little John of the kitchen 6s. 8d. and a brass pot (*ollam eneam*).

To Thomas Maye 6s. 8d.

To Walter Wylton 3s. 4d. and a gown (*toga*) of red colour with a hood (*capicio*).

To Edith Dukke my best lined cloak (*armilausam duplicatam*).

To William the Cook (*Coko*) a spit (*veru*) and a second best pan (*patellam*).

The residue of my goods I give and will that they be distributed amongst the priests and indigent poor.

I appoint John Leye, vicar of the said church, and John West "*laicus*" my executors, and Master Thomas Barton and John Huglet, supervisors.

Proved 28th January, A.D. above. Administration committed to John Lye and John West, the executors named, &c.

## 1409. MASTER RALPH ERGHUM.

[21 MARCHE. FO. 161.]

The third day of March, A.D. 1409. I, Master Ralph Erghum, Precentor of the cathedral church of Wells, bequeath my soul to Almighty God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and my body to be buried in the cathedral church of Wells next the tomb (*juxta tumulum*) of Ralph, formerly Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the same church 5 marks.

The residue of my goods I give to Master Ralph Philipp, Edmund Kenyam, and Thomas Barton my servant (*servienti*), and I make them executors.

Proved on the 24th day of the aforesaid month of March, at Stapulford, in the year abovesaid. Administration committed to Thomas Barton.



## 1409. THOMAS SOPERE.

[19 MARCHE. FO. 148.]

20th March, A.D. 1409. I, Thomas Sopere, make my will in this manner.

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Apostles the Blessed Peter and Paul of Northcory.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar there 40*d.* for tithes forgotten.

Item, to Sir William Wyllynge 6*d.*

And whatsoever residue there shall be of all my goods not bequeathed, I will they shall remain to Alice, my wife, and Thomas, my son, to dispose for my soul as shall seem best to them; and I ordain as my executors Thomas Mile (Mit) and Alice my wife.

Proved 3rd October in the year abovesaid, and on the 11th of the said month administration committed to the executors named.

1410. WILLIAM STOURTON.<sup>1</sup>

[27 MARCHE. FO. 216.]

A.D. 1410, 20th day of July, I, William Stourton, make my will in this manner.

I bequeath my putrid body, naked as it came into the world except for a linen cloth covering the same, to be buried in the enclosure (*septrum*) (*sic*), of the cloister of Whitham of the Carthusian order, at the pleasure of the Prior and Convent of the same.

Item, I will that on the day of my burial five wax lights (*cerei*) shall be ordained, each of the weight of one pound at the most, without "herce"<sup>2</sup> (*herceo*) or any other apparatus (*apparatu*).

Item, I will that twenty black cloths (*panni nigri*) shall be distributed to John, my son, to Margaret, my daughter, and to my brothers, sisters and servants (*servientibus*).

<sup>1</sup> A piece of linen is pasted over part of this will.

<sup>2</sup> A frame for supporting lights (see *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 236).

Item, I ordain that on the day of my burial there shall be distributed to the poor at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I will that on the day of my burial there shall be offered a red (*rubeus*) cloth of gold at the first mass, and a cloth of damask at the second mass.

Item, I bequeath to the said Prior and Convent, a basin of laton, containing four gallons (*lagenas*) at the least, for washing their feet. And if it happen that the visitor of the said order will not in any wise accept the same basin, then it shall be sold, and the money thereof coming converted to the pious uses of the said Prior and Convent.

Item, I bequeath to John, my son, a red missal worth 10*li.* ; also another missal covered with black silk, worth 12 marks ; a new psalter worth 5 marks ; one gradual worth 5 marks ; one breviary (*portiforium*) which I had of the gift of my father ; one book of physic (*fiscico*), worth 40*s.* ; one legend of the saints "*de Anglico*" worth 40*s.*

Item, I bequeath to my reverend Lord and Father, the Archbishop of Canterbury, one cup with a cover of gold.

Item, to Margaret, my daughter, 200*li.* for her marriage ; and if it happen that she die unmarried, then the said 200*li.* shall be disposed by my executors for the souls of my parents, my wife and all the faithful deceased.

Item, I will that all my servants shall be remunerated for their labours at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I give and bequeath all other my goods and chattels not bequeathed to be disposed for my soul. And of this my will I make William Hankeford, knight, my beloved brother John Stourton, and Morgan Gooche executors.

Proved 22nd September, 1413, and administration granted, &c.

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## 1410. JOHN WYKE.

[22 MARCHE. FO. 172.]

I, John Wyke, of Nyenhide, on Friday next before the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, A.D. 1410, bequeath to the vicar of the church of Nyenhide for my tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.*



Item, I bequeath to the same church to construct anew in the same church an "yle" *secundum visum et ordinacionem uxoris mee ioli.*

To find a fit chaplain from my rent in Welyngton and Milverton to celebrate for my soul, my parents' [souls] and of all others deceased for twenty years in any place where my wife shall wish.

The residue I bequeath to Katherine, my wife.

To Katherine, my wife, all my lands, &c., in Welyngton and Milverton for the term of her life. The reversion of a moiety after her decease I bequeath to John, my son, and his issue male; for default of such issue to Richard, my son, and his issue male. The reversion of the other moiety I bequeath to Richard, my son, and his issue male; for default to the said John, my son, and his issue male.

If it happen that the said John and Richard die without issue male I bequeath all the said lands to the said Katherine and her heirs for ever, on condition that they be sold and the money be distributed for my soul and the [souls] of my ancestors. I appoint the said Katherine my executrix.

Proved 3rd November in the year abovesaid. Administration committed to Katherine, relict, &c.

## 1410. NICHOLAS NETH.

[23 MARCHE. FO. 23.]

Friday next after the feast [November 25th] of St. Katherine the Virgin, A.D. 1410. I, Nicholas Neth, burgess and "*mercator*" of Briggewater, bequeath my soul to God, and my body to be buried in the parish church of the town aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Master and Convent of the house of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist to celebrate for my soul and for tithes forgotten 6s. 8d.

To the vicar of the parish church of the town aforesaid to celebrate for my soul one trental.

To every chaplain in the parish church aforesaid to celebrate for my soul 12d.

To the Convent of the Friars Minors of the town aforesaid to celebrate for my soul "*unum tricenale*."

Item, to Custancia, my wife, all my lands and tenements in Briggewater, her heirs, &c., for ever.

The residue of my goods I give to the said Custancia, and I make the said Custancia my executrix.

Proved 14th February in the year abovesaid.

### 1410. ISABELLA PYKE.

[23 MARCHE. FO. 180.]

9th March, A.D. 1410. I, Isabella Pyke, of Merlynch [Moorlinch], diocese of Bath and Wells, bequeath my body to be buried, by the leave of the curate (*curati*) of the same place, in the church of Merlynch.

Item, to Sir John Smyth, vicar of Merlynch, 2s. 6d.

To Sir Robert Wattes, chaplain, 40d.

To Sir Richard Bygge 2s. 6d.

To the perpetual vicar of Mertok 6s. 8d.

To Sir John Shyllyngford 2s. 6d.

To the chapel of Staunton Gabriell in Dorset 40d.

The residue I bequeath to Hugh Pyke, my brother, and I make the said Hugh my executor.

Proved 17th June, A.D. 1411. Administration committed to Hugh Pyke, the executor named.

[In Subsidy Roll 13 Hen. IV (1411-12), testatrix's brother's lands are thus set forth :—

"Hugo Pyke cert. ter. in Pykesaysshe, Milton ffauconberge et Merlynche, xxli."

(*Bath F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 193.)]



## 1411. ROBERT CARTER.

[23 MARCHE. FO. 180.]

A.D. 1411, on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, I, Robert Carter, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my body to holy burial (*sacre sepulture*) in the churchyard of St. Mary de Staff of Bath.

Item, I bequeath to William, my son, 10*li*.

Item, to my mother according to her necessity (*juxta exigenciam suam*) at the governance of my wife, 10*li*., (*ad gubernacionem uxoris mee*), at divers times every year 2 marks, to the full payment of the said 10*li*. And if it happen that my mother die before the full payment thereof, I will that my wife shall have the residue.

Item, I bequeath and give to Master John Rydeler 40*s*.

Item, I bequeath to complete my obsequies (*ad exequias meas complendas*) 10*li*.

Item, to each of my menservants (*famulorum*) cloths for garments (*vestes ad togas*), viz., to each of them two ells (*ulnas*).

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to the rector of the church of St. Michael without the gate (*extra portam*) 6*s*. 8*d*., to celebrate for my soul.

Item, to the Friars Carmelites of Bristol 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the monks and convent of Bath 10*s*.

Item, to John Hygecok<sup>e</sup> 40*s*., which John I ordain assistant (*adjutorem*) of the execution of my will.

Item, to William Wytte 20*s*.

Of this my will I make Thomasia my wife executrix; and bequeath the residue of my goods to my said wife.

Proved 16th July in the year abovesaid, and administration afterwards committed to the executrix by the discreet men (*discretos viros*) Sir William Heyford, Master of the House or Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene, and Sir John Baret, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Stall (*de Stall*) of the city of Bath. The executrix was acquitted on the 7th August following.

## 1411. JOHN ANDREW.

[23 MARCHE. FO. 181.]

24th June, A.D. 1411, administration of all the goods, &c., of John Andrew, whilst he lived of the town of Taunton, lately dying intestate, committed to William Sloo, clerk, of Lamport, in the said diocese, apparitor.

## 1411. WILLIAM FELAWE.

[24 MARCHE. FO. 191.]

I, William Felawe, called "Congesbury," clerk, rector of the parish church of Porteshede in the diocese of Wells, this Saturday the 29th day of August, A.D. 1411, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my body to sacred burial (*ecclesiastice sepulture*).

Item, I bequeath to the light (*lumini*) of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the entrance (*introitu*) of the choir (*chori*) in the church of Wells 20*d.*

Item, to the fabric of the said church of Wells 10*s.*

Item, to the light (*lumini*) of St. Katherine in the same 12*d.*

Item, to the light in the chapel of All Saints 12*d.*

Item, to the light in the chapel of St. Nicholas 12*d.*

Item, to the light of the Holy Cross of Congesbury 12*d.*

Item, to the lights of St. Katherine, St. Nicholas, and St. Congar (*Congari*) in the same church, 18*d.*, in equal portion (*equali porcōe*).

Item, I bequeath to my venerable master, Master Richard Drayton, 40*s.*

Item, to Master Richard Broun, canon of Salisbury, 13*s.* 4*d.*

To Master John Storethwayte one great ancient journal (*antiqū papirum*) formerly of Simon de Sudbury, archbishop of Canterbury, and a book called "Innocent," to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to the prior and convent of Stov<sup>o</sup>dale



[Stavordale] 10s., to be divided equally to each (*cuiuslibet equaliter dividendū*).

Item, to the prioress and nuns of Minchin Barrow (*de Barwe Monialium*) 10s.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Burgh, John Axebrugge, John Alampton, Walter Mone, Geoffrey Larkesboke, John MasCay, William Hopere, Roger Mellys, John Barstaple, Nicholas Face, to each of them, 2s. 6d.

Item, to Sir Matthew Bremett, vicar of Weston by Bath, 40d.

Item, to Sir John Stoutfold, rector of Holcombe, 40d.

Item, to Sir John Gay, priest, one old bed with testers (*lectum cum capitibus*) and one "materas" new.

Item, to Sir William Boroñ my associate at Rome (*socio meo Rome*) now dwelling at Hungerford, 40d., and my black cap (*et capellum meum nigrum de traune*).

Item, I will that my executors shall cause to be celebrated for my soul, and for the souls of those whose faculties I had or have in my custody (*quorum habui vel habeo facultates in mea custodia*), 105 masses of the Trinity, 105 masses of the Virgin Mary, 105 of the Holy Ghost, and 105 for the souls of all the faithful deceased, as soon as it can be done.

Item, I bequeath to the common hall (*aule cōi*) of the vicars of Wells 13s. 4d.

Item, to the common hall of the Annuellars (*Anuellariorum*) of Wells 10s., to celebrate and pray for the souls as above (*quibus supra*).

Item, I bequeath to Dame Katherine Slo, Prioress of Scheftesbury, that small sum (*modicum*) which she has in her hands from mine (*de meis*), and in addition to this, 13s. 4d. And I will that the said dame (*domina*) shall have a bed (*lectum*) of Worstede with sheets which she once kindly gave me (*que ad me sui gratia gratanter transmisit*) to pray for my soul and the souls of others as above.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Pennard, chaplain, 2s. 6d.

Item, to Sir William Pokyngton 2s. 6d.

Item, to Thomas Felawe, my brother, of Tanbrygge, 20s., and that which he has for long had in his hands (*et illud quod a diu habuit in manibus suis*).

Item, to Philip Sadler and Margery, his wife, six silver spoons, and the moiety of the money which they owe me.

Item, to Edith, their servant (*servienti*), one white "parpyne,"<sup>1</sup> one pair of sheets of Westvale.

Item, to Adam Inhyne, my new psalter (*psalterium*).

Item, to each canon and vicar of the church of Wells, present at the *Placebo* and *Dirige* of my mass and burial (*misse et sepulture mee*), if it be in Wells, 3*d.*, and to each other priest (*presbitero*) present and celebrating on that day or on the morrow of that day, 1*d.*

Item, to each decrepit person (*decrepito*) in the parish of St. Cuthbert and Congesbury 2*d.*

Item, I will that forthwith after my death there shall be distributed to poor clerks for "psalters" said for me (*pro psalteriis pro me dicend*), 6*s.* 8*d.*, to each, 1*d.*

Item, to honest priests to say "Placebo" and "Dirige" for me, 10*s.*

Item, I will that if any canon of the church of Wells will celebrate the office and bury (*sepelire*) me, he shall have 40*d.*, but if a vicar does this, 20*d.*

Item, I bequeath for glass windows (*pro fenestris vitriis*) to be made (*fiend*) in the church of Porteshede 40*s.*

Item, to make a window in the upper part of the nave of the church of Wells, 5 marks, on condition that (*ita quod*) it be made within one year after my death.

Item, I will that 20*s.* shall be distributed among my poor parishioners of Porteshede within two months after my decease.

Item, I bequeath to John Penryng, with my lord (*domino meo*) Richard Drayton, one old gown (*gounam*) of russet lined (*duplicatam*), one "Corcet," one coat of skin with sleeves (*canusiam*<sup>2</sup> *cum bracc*), one hood (*capicium*), and one whole pair of hose (*unum par caligarum integrum*).

Item, I will that each poor person coming on the day of my burial, and on the thirtieth day after, shall have one loaf (*panem*) worth  $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* of good dough (*de bona pasta*).

<sup>1</sup> ? Perpoint, Fr. pourpoint.

<sup>2</sup> Canusinæ pelles, rufæ vel subrufæ (*Ducange*).



Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the parish church of St. Werburgh of Bristol 20s.

Item, if any of my legatees aforesaid die before me, their legacies shall be null.

The residue of my goods and the goods of others now being in my custody, I will that my executors shall do (*faciant*) and distribute for my soul and for the souls of those whose goods they were, in masses, divine offices, alms, and other pious works.

And I ordain as my executors Sir Robert Burgh, Sir Walter Mone, and Sir John Axebrugge, perpetual vicars in the church of Wells, and to each of them I bequeath 20s. sterling. And for my overseers I name the venerable men my lord Master Richard Drayton aforesaid and Master Robert Brown, canon of Salisbury; and to Master Robert Brown I bequeath six silver spoons. And I will that each of my executors fulfilling and completing (*adimplend et perficient*) the burden of the execution of this my will, shall have 20s. Done and written at Wells.

Proved 3rd June, A.D. 1412, and administration committed to Sir Walter Mone, one of the executors named.

[1408, Dec. 5, Will Congresbury instituted rector of Portishead; he was formerly rector of St. Werburgh, Bristol. (*Somerset Incumbents*, p. 281.)]

## 1411. ROBERT KNOYEL.

[24 MARCHE. FO. 188.]

A.D. 1411, November 11th, I, Robert Knoyel, &c.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells 13s. 4d.

To the fabric of the church of Sampford [Orcas] 13s. 4d.

To Master Robert, rector of the same church, 20s., and an ox.

To John, the chaplain there, 13s. 4d.

Item, to Joan, my mother, a cup (*siphum*) with a cover of silver.

To Thomas, my son, a ring and a horn ornamented with silver,

To William Carter, my servant (*famulo*), 6s. 8d. and a black heifer and a gown (*togam*).

To the daughter of the same William 6s. 8d.

To John Ruse 6s. 8d. and a gown (*togam*).

To John Janyn 6s. 8d., a gown, and a red mare.

I make Joan, my wife, executrix.

The residue I bequeath to Joan, my wife, and my boys.

Proved 9th February in the year abovesaid.

[In a Subsidy Roll 13 Hen. IV (1411-1412), testator's son's lands in Somerset are as follow :—

“Thomas Knoyell certas terras in Sanford et est Ludeford, xxli.”

(*Bath F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 192.)]

## 1411. MARGARET DE CORTENAY.

[24 MARCHE. FO. 188.]

I, Margaret de Cortenay, 14th November, A.D. 1412 [1411, see probate] make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the cathedral church of Bath next the body of my reverend lord and husband Sir John de St. Lo (*Sancto Laudo*).

Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Convent of the said church of Bath, to celebrate and pray for my soul, 10 marks.

Item, to the fabric and ornaments of the chapel of the chantry of Alre (*alr*), 10 marks.

Item, for expenses to be made about my exequies and burial, 10*li*.

Item, I bequeath to my son William, Lord de Botreaux, twelve silver dishes (*discos*), two “chargeours,” and six saltcellars of the better suit (*secta*) of my silver vessels.

Item, one entire bed of silk of Saracen work with all the apparel belonging, and four qwysshins of the same work. Also one blue (*blodium*) bed powdered (*pulverizatum*) with white figures (*signis*) with the hanging and canopy (*cum aula et camera*) and all the apparel of the same suit. Also one hanging of black and white “Wyrsted” “*cum penna de Tatterine*.” Also all the vessels and utensils belonging to my kitchen which are



at Alre and Newton Seintloo. Also one basin with ewer with the arms of Seintloo engraved (*insculptis*).

Item, I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of the said William, one cup of silver gilt with a little cover, to wit, the one with the short foot (*c<sup>t</sup>o pede*). Also my carriage (*carectam*) called "*le char*," with all the apparel of the same.

Item, I bequeath to my daughter Margaret de Botreaux, one gown (*jupam*) of blood coloured (*sanguinei*) cloth furred with "menyuier," and one gown of starling (*sturion*) coloured cloth furred with pure (*puro*) "menyuier."

Also one entire bed of Tany [tawny] with curtains (*coste<sup>r</sup>*)<sup>1</sup> fixed on it (*infixis*) with the arms of Herford and Deuon, with six qwysshins of damask.

Item, I bequeath to Richard Donnyll 60s.

To John Bury, 40s.

To Alice Donnyll and John, her son, 10*li*.

To the aforesaid Alice, two "Kirtells," one of "Sangwyn" and the other of starling colour (*storion*). Also my "cofres" called "Trussyngcofrez" and all my napery (*mappariam*) and sheets; and all my chests and "cofrez" being in my keeping on the day of the making of these presents at Newtonseintloo.

Item, I will that all my silver vessels not above bequeathed, as well at Bryggewater as at Nywtonseintloo, shall be changed (*mutantur*) into chalices and other church ornaments by my executors and distributed by them to the praise of God to divers churches, provided that those who shall happen to hold (*occupare*) the said vessels shall be bound to pray for the soul of Sir John de St. Loo, my late husband, for my soul, for the souls of Sir John de St. Loo his father, and Ella his consort.

Item, I bequeath to Agnes Schort one gown (*jupam*) of blue furred with lambskin; and one "Kyrtell" of blue.

Item, to Joan Alee, one gown of "sangwyn" furred with lambskin.

And I ordain my executors Robert Vele, Richard Virgo, Richard Donnyll and John Bury; and William, Lord de Botreaux, my son, my overseer.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents.

<sup>1</sup> Costerium, rideau, courtine (*Ducange*).

26th January, 1411, commission issued to Masters John Hody and Ralph Canon, canons of the cathedral church of Wells, to prove the will of Margaret de Courtenay abovesaid deceased ; and 7th February in the year aforesaid administration was committed to Richard Donnyll and John Bury, two of the executors named.

### 1411. JOHN WADHAM, KNT.

[25 MARCHE. FO. 193.]

I, John Wadham, knight, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried where it shall please God to dispose.

Item, I bequeath to Joan, my wife, 100*li.*, two great silver dishes (*discos*) called “chargeours,” eighteen silver dishes, six silver saltcellars, my better silver basin (*peluem*) with a ewer (*lauacro*), two silver cups with covers, made in the manner of a chalice, one cup silver gilt, my better vestment with the apparel of the altar of the same suit, my better chalice, missal, portuous (*portiforium*), the two better cloths (*mappas*) with towels (*manutergijs*) four brass bowls (*ollas*), two plates (*patellas*), three of the better beds, whereof one of “Tapsarie”; two jugs (*picarios*),<sup>1</sup> viz., one pottle,<sup>2</sup> and one quart (*unum potellum et unum quartum*) of silver, one silver saltcellar, one pix (*pixidem*) called “Pere”; all the stock (*instaurum*) of wines at Muryfeld, and one waggon (*plaustrum*) bound with iron.

Item, I bequeath for paying four chaplains to be hired (*locandorum*) for one year to celebrate for my soul, and the souls for which I am bound, 40 marks ; and if this can be done at a less price, the residue shall be expended for the souls of Maude, late my wife, my father and mother, Richard Brankescomb, Margaret his wife, Cicely Turberuill and all faithful deceased.

Item, I bequeath for my funeral expenses 10*li.*

Item, to each of the orders of Friars of London, 13*s.* 4*d.*

<sup>1</sup> Picarius, quidam ciphus, *Anglice* “a curskyn.” *Wright's Vocabularies* (Wülcker), i, p. 602.

<sup>2</sup> Pottle, a liquid measure containing four pints.

To the Friars Preachers of Exeter, 10s., and to the Friars Minors there, 10s.

Item, I bequeath to the amending of the church of Brankescomb, 20s.

Item, to the amending of the church of Knouston, 20s.

Item, to Joan, formerly wife of Walter Scherp, one cup called "*pece*."

Item, I bequeath to Cicely my sister, 100s.

To Agnes, her daughter, 13s. 4d.

To William Hankeford, one silver cup with a cover.

Item, I bequeath 6 marks 3s. 4d. to celebrate one thousand masses immediately after my decease for my soul.

Item, to William my son, 100*li.*, six silver dishes (*discos*), one great dish called "charger," one silver jug (*picarium*) called "*potett*," one saltcellar, one bed of "Tapserye," eight oxen and one hundred sheep.

Item, I bequeath to John my son, 100*li.*, six dishes, eight oxen, one silver jug (*picarium*) called "Quarte," and a great dish called "Charger."

Item, to Walter my son, 40*li.*

Item, to Margery my daughter, 100*li.*

To Joan my daughter, 100*li.*

To Elizabeth my daughter, 100*li.*

To Thomas my son, 100*li.*

And if any of my said infants die before they come of age or be promoted, the sum bequeathed to them shall be divided among my other infants.

Item, I bequeath for holding the anniversary of me and of Maude late my wife, one hundred sheep so long as it may last.

Item, to each of my executors administering besides my wife, 5 marks.

Item, to each of the daughters of John Serteyn by Margery his wife, except Joan, wife of Walter Merwode, 10s.

Item, to Joan, wife of William Wyke next Colompton, 30s.

Item, to Thomas her son, 40s.

Item, to the three brothers of the said Thomas, to each of them 13s. 4d.; and to Julian his sister, ten sheep.

Item, I bequeath to Bartholomew Pyle, 40s.

To John atte Heyghes of Sylferton, 20s.



To the Abbot and Convent of Athelney, to pray for my soul, 5 marks.

Item, I bequeath to the mending of the muddy way (*vie lutose*) between Clyst and Nyweton Popelford, 4*li*.

Item, to the mending of the muddy way from Scheftysby towards Schirborn, 100*s*.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of Wythlakyngton, 20*s*. for tithes forgotten, and that he may pray for me.

Item, I bequeath to the mending of the church aforesaid, 20*s*.

To the vicar of Ayshull, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To John Deye, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the Friars Preachers of Yeuelchester, 20*s*.

Item, I have remised to John Healleway 20*s*. that he owes me.

Item, I bequeath to John Walsche, 40*d*.

To John Brwer, my priest (*presbitero*), 20*s*.

To John Thuselburgh, 10*s*.

To John Cook of Haydon, 13*s*. 4*d*.

To Edith Caylly of Ilton, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Walter Clerk of Ilton, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the vicar of Brankescomb church, for tithes forgotten, and that he may pray for me, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the mending of the church of Haydon, 10*s*.

Item, to the prisoners of Yeuelchester, 40*d*.

To Agnes Deye, 40*d*.

To John Whyte, my chaplain, 20*s*.

To John Schyphurd of Cleyhanger, 40*d*.

Item, to Nicholas Olyuer, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the mending of the church of Ilton, 13*s*. 4*d*.

To Thomas Hayward, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to Joan, my wife, the residue of all my goods not above bequeathed or disposed, and I make the said Joan and the aforesaid William Hankeford and Bartholomew Pyle executors of this my will.

In witness whereof to this my will I have affixed my seal.

Given on Saturday, the Feast of St. Gregory the Pope, 13 Hen. IV [March 12, 1411].

Proved 12th August, A.D. 1412. Commission to Masters John Grylby, rector of Donzete, and William Torporlegh, rector

of West Dowlesh, diocese of Bath and Wells, to commit administration, &c.

[In Subsidy Roll 13 Hen. IV (1411-12), testator's lands in Somerset are as follows :—

“John Wadham miles man. de Myryfeld certas terras in Hardyngton, Gudeston, Overattebar et Chilton, xlii li.”  
(*Bath F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 192.)]

## 1412. JOHN COGAN.

[25 MARCHE. FO. 194.]

? 15th (vx) June, A.D. 1412. I, John Cogan of Welles, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Cuthbert of the town aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church 20*d*.

Item, to the vicar of the same church 40*d*.

Item, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Kerdyff 20*d*.

Item, to the bridge of the said town of Kerdyff 6*d*.

Item, to John Webbe, my servant (*servienti*), 5*s*.

Item, to Dionisia, my servant (*servienti*), 6*s*. 8*d*.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to Agnes, my wife, and John, my son, whom I make my executors, and William Trewe, overseer.

Proved 26th August, A.D. as above, and administration granted to John, son of the deceased ; and commission directed to Master Ralph Canon, canon of Wells, under date of the 27th of the said month, to grant administration to Agnes the relict and executrix.

[Particulars of the family to which the testator belonged will be found in *Genealogies of Glamorgan*, by G. T. Clark, p. 378.]

## 1412. JOHN LYNDENYSSCH.

[25 MARCHE. FO. 195.]

The 20th day of June, A.D. 1412. I, John Lyndenyssch, of Wodelond Abbatis, bequeath my soul to the Blessed Mary and all the saints, and my body to ecclesiastical burial in the parish church of Mershton Bygod.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the mother cathedral church of Wells 12*d*.

To the fabric of the parish church of Mershton aforesaid 20*s*.

To the rector of the same church 2*s*. 6*d*. to celebrate for my soul.

To the parish chaplain of Mershton aforesaid 2*s*. 6*d*. to celebrate for my soul.

To the wardens (*custodibus*) of the said church who now are and who shall be to maintain one torch (*tortam*) in the church of Mershton aforesaid for ever 20*s*.

To the fabric of the chapel of Hynddon 20*s*.

Item, to the windows of the parish church of Frome 13*s*. 4*d*.

To Robert, my brother, 100*s*. or the true value, and one best brass pot.

To the daughter of the same Robert 20*s*. or the value, a bed (*lectum*), a brass pot, a pan (*patellam*), and a cow.

Item, to Ancelin, his son, 40*s*. or the value, a bed (*lectum*), a brass pot, a pan (*patellam*), and a black cow with calf.

Item, to John, his son, 4*li*. or the value, a basin (*peluum*) with a ewer (*lavacro*), a bed (*lectum*), "album y poudred cum medley," six silver spoons, the best chest (*cistam*), a best table cloth (*mappam*) with a best napkin (*manutergo*).

To Peter, my sister's son, a gown (*togam*) or new cloth for a gown, and to each of her boys 13*s*. 4*d*. or the value.

To John Hywet 40*s*. or the value, a brass pot, a pan (*patellam*), and a cow.

To Walter Homan 20*s*. or the value, a cover (*coopertorium*), two coverlets (*lodices*), two sheets, a new gown (*togam*), and an old one.

To Edith Homan 40*s*. or the value, 40 pounds of wool of blue (*blod*) colour, a brass pot, a pan (*patellam*) "j Fliche beef



& j flicck bacun," two bushells of salt, one quarter of barley malt.

To each of the boys of John Drende 40*d.* or the value.

To all the boys of John Duke 6*s.* 8*d.* or the value.

To Lawrence, my servant (*servienti michi*), 20*s.* or the value.

To Philip, my servant, 100*s.* or the value.

To Thomas Webbe 40*d.* or the value.

To John, son of John Batte, 12*d.*

To John, son of Lawrence Webbe, 12*d.*

To the boys of William Sampson 13*s.* 4*d.* or the value.

To Alice Cokes 6*s.* 8*d.* or the value.

To the wife of John Goulde 6*s.* 8*d.* or the value.

To Joan, daughter of John Pryket, 12*d.*

To John Grene of Culmynton 40*d.* or the value.

To Thomas Fraunces of Frome 40*s.* or the value.

Item, I will that on the day of my burial thirteen poor be clothed "*de novo Russeto*."

To each of my godsons 12*d.*

To John Brut and William Colesborne, my executors, all that close with the buildings, &c., called "Lovecokesheyes" in Mersshon Bygod, which lies between the tenement of Jordan Daungun on the one side and the close called "Castelheyes" on the other side; to hold for twenty years. Paying therefor to the chief lords 6*s.* 8*d.* at four terms of the year.

The residue of all my goods I give to my executors, John Brut of Hynedon, and William Colesborne of Frome, to dispose to the honour of God and for the health of my soul.

Witnesses. Thomas Salmon, parish chaplain of Mershton, John Grene, chaplain, John Perys, the elder, John Laurence, Philip Lorynge, and many others.

Proved 26th September, A.D. abovesaid. Commission directed to Masters Nicholas Steur, rector of the parish church of Sparkeford, Adam Attewell, vicar of Frome, diocese of Bath, and John Wycombe, notary public, to commit administration to the executors, &c.

## 1412. ROBERT BERUGHULLE.

[27 MARCHE. FO. 211.]

On Thursday next before the Feast [July 20] of St. Margaret the Virgin, I, Robert Berughulle of Chiew, diocese of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1412, make my will, &c.

My body to be buried in the parish church of Chiew.

To the fabric of the said church 20s.

To Sir Robert, vicar of the place, 30*d.* to pray for my soul.

To my father and my mother 20*s.*, and to my father a green gown furred (*j togam virid̃ cum penul̃*).

To Richard Roper one other green gown furred (*j at togam virid̃ cum penul̃ annex*).

The residue to Isabella, my wife. Executors, John Berughull, my father, and the said Isabella.

Dated at Chiew.

Proved 26th July, A.D. 1413, by the said executors, Sir John Ford, chaplain, celebrating divine services in the chapel "*super Le Bak*," Bristol, commissary.

## 1412. WILLIAM TWYNYHO.

[26 MARCHE. FO. 201.]

The last day of October, A.D. 1412. I, William Twynyho of Frome, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial (*ecclesiastice sepulture*) in the parish church of Frome.

Item, I bequeath to Adam, perpetual vicar of Frome, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Item, to each chaplain of the said church present at my exequies on the day of my obit (*obitus mei*) 12*d.*

Item, I bequeath 4*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to certain priests to celebrate for my soul 1,000 masses with haste (*cū festinacōe*) after my obit.

Item, I bequeath 20*s.* to be distributed amongst the lame and feeble (*claudos et debiles*) a penny apiece on the day of my obit (*obitus*).

Item, to thirteen poor persons present at my exequies on the day of my obit (*obitus*), thirteen pairs of hose (*calligar<sup>9</sup>*) and thirteen pairs of shoes (*sotularium*).

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and grant to Alice, my wife, and John, my son, whom I ordain my executors, that they may dispose for my soul in pious uses.

In witness whereof I have to these presents affixed my seal, these being witnesses, Sir Richard Molde, Richard Pavely, William Polayn, William Collesborñ, Richard Osbarñ, and many others.

Proved the penultimate day of December in the year above-said, and administration granted to John, son of the deceased, with power reserved, &c.; and commission directed to Sir Adam Attewell, perpetual vicar of Frome, 2nd January in the said year, to grant administration to Alice, relict of the deceased. On the 6th of February following the executors were acquitted.

## 1412. JOHN TESTWODE.

[25 MARCHE. FO. 194.]

In the name of God, Amen.

A.D. 1412. I, John Testwode, sound of mind, make my will in this manner.

First, I bequeath my soul to God and my body to be buried in the chapel of St. Mary within the parish church of Trente.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Trente for the sustentation of the work (*opus*) of the said church 10s.

To the sustentation of the work of the church of Chilton 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath for celebrating a thousand masses (*pro mille missis celebrandis*) for my soul within the octave after I shall pass away from this world, together with the expenses of divers horsemen (*hominum equitancium*) in arranging the matter aforesaid, 100s.

Item, I bequeath to Isolda, my daughter, one silver piece with a cover to the same, having a rose embossed on the ground of the same.



Item, to be distributed to divers poor persons for my soul on the day of my burial 6s. 8d.

Item, to William Hommere one basinet with ventaile, avant-bras, rerebrace, iron gauntlets, [and] entire armour for the legs, together with a hauberk (*unum basinetum cum ventale vauntbras rerbras sirotecas ferreas armaturas ad tibeas integras cum una lorica*).

To Gilbert, my servant, 40s.

To Richard, rector of the church of Compton, to celebrate for my soul, 6s. 8d.

The residue of all my goods, &c., I give to Thomas Lane and Elizabeth, my wife, and appoint as my executors Thomas Lane and Elizabeth, my wife, on condition that the said Elizabeth shall stand to the order and disposition of the said Thomas, otherwise I will that she in no wise meddle in the administration of any of the goods abovesaid.

Given under my seal on Monday next after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, in the year abovesaid.

Proved before Master John Perche, commissary, &c., 18th August, A.D. abovesaid. Commission to the rectors of the parish churches of Chyryton and Staumford, diocese of Bath, &c., under date 19th August, A.D. abovesaid, to commit administration to the executors named.

[In a Subsidy Roll 13 Hen. IV (1411-1412), testator's lands in Somerset are thus described :—

“Johes Testwode tertiam partem man. de Trent, med. man. de Chilton, xxli.”  
(*Bath F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 192.)]

## 1412. WILLIAM DORCHESTRE.

[26 MARCHE. FO. 202.]

7th day of February, A.D. 1412. Administration of the goods of William Dorchestre, rector of the parish church of Badyelton, diocese of Bath and Wells, intestate, was committed to William Paulet and Hugh Sampford, “*domicell.*”

## 1413. LEONARD HAKELUYT, KNT.

[27 MARCHE. FO. 213.]

The third of the month of August, A.D. 1413. I, Leonard Hakeluyt, knight.

In primis, I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Friars Minors of Brugewater.

Item, I bequeath 40*li.* to fulfil the testament of Henry de Cornwayl, deceased. If the testament of the said Henry requires more I will that the things contained therein be fully performed for the soul of the said Henry and for the souls for which he is bound in celebrating divine services (*divina*) in distribution (*erogacione*) to the poor, and in other works of charity.

Item, 40*li.* of silver to be distributed in celebration and distribution (*erogacione*) and the works aforesaid for the soul of Thomas Hakeluyt, clerk, my uncle, and for my soul and the souls of my parents and all the faithful deceased.

To the fabric of the church of the Friars Minors of Brugewater 20*li.* of silver to pray for my soul and Margaret, my consort's, &c.

To the parish church of Southbrent one full suit of my vestments newly bought, and 6 marks of silver for a missal to be bought *de novo* to pray as above, &c.

To the parish church of Bergh [Berrow] 5 marks for one pair of vestments, &c., as above.

To the parish church of Estbrent 5 marks for one pair of vestments for the high altar, to be bought by my executors, to pray as above.

To the parish church of Schepton Malet 20 marks to pray as above.

To Isabella Burley, my servant (*servienti meo*), 40*li.* of silver, a silver cup with a cover, and six silver spoons.

To Leonard Stepelton 100*s.*

To Richard Herte, my servant (*servienti*), 10 marks.

John Parant, 2 marks.

John Mareyn, 10*s.*

Robert Arundell, 6*s.* 8*d.*

John Horner, 6s. 8d.

To making the way called Conynglane in the parish of Estbrent 100s., and if anything remain I will that it be expended on the way opposite the manor of Grove.

To each indigent poor person coming to the place on the day of my burial 1d.

To twelve poor carrying twelve torches (*torcheos*) around my bier on the day of my burial, to each of them a gown (*toga*) with a hood (*capucio*) of white cloth.

To Richard Pecok, rector of Shepton Malet, 10 marks.

To Thomas Jauncy 100s., and William Hastyng 100s.

The residue of my goods I give to Margaret, my consort, and Sir Richard Pecok, rector of Shepton Malet, to dispose for my soul, &c. I appoint Margaret, my consort, Sir Richard Pecok, Isabella Burley, William Hastyng, and Thomas Jauncy to execute this will.

Dated at Grove in Brentmarsch, co. Somerset.

Exhibited 17th August, A.D. above said. Commission to John Hody, precentor, and William Lambrok, treasurer of the cathedral church of Wells, to cause the executors to appear before them, &c.

[In a Subsidy Roll 13 Hen. IV (1411-1412), testator's lands in Somerset are thus described :—

“Leonardus Hakeluyt mil. man. de Oldelond, cert. ter. in Shepton Malet et alibi in eodem com. xlii.”

(*Bath F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 195.)]

## 1413. JOHN MUCHELDEVER.

[28 MARCHE. FO. 219.]

In the name of God, Amen.

On Monday, the 14th day of August, A.D. 1413. I, John Mucheldeu, &c., and my body to be buried in the chancel of the church of Drayton.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church, 10s.

Item, to the vicar of Coryreuel, one trental.

To Thomas, my son, one quarter of wheat.

To William, my elder son, 4 bushels of wheat.



To John, my *consanguineus*, Thomas Punter, John Hurde, and Thomas Carpenter, each 2 bushels of wheat.

To the fabric of the church of Wells 12*d*.

Capett de Westouere 12*d*.

To the Hospital *juxta* Westouere 18*d*.

To the great bridge of Langport 12*d*.

To the bridge of Hambrygg 12*d*.

To the way (*viam*) called "Cokkeslake" 20*d*.

To the bells (*campanas*) of Coryreuel 12*d*.

To two sick folk of Coryreuel, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To John atte Wit and William Bakehous 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Nicholas Freye, John Hyne, and William Wyte each one gown (*jupam*).

Item, I bequeath to Edith, my wife, 8 shillings of rent issuing from a burgage in Langport Estouer which John Dyer, Margery, his wife, and John, their son, hold for the term of their lives, together with the reversion, &c. To have and to hold to her, her heirs and assigns for ever.

The residue of my goods, &c., I bequeath to Edith, my wife, to dispose for my soul.

10th October in the year above, a commission was directed to Masters Robert Burt, Bachelor of Decrees, official of the archdeacon of Taunton, and John Bowe, notary public, to commit administration to the executrix named. 5th February in the year above the commissaries acquitted her.

### 1413. WILLIAM NOBLE.

[27 MARCHE. FO. 216.]

18th September, A.D. 1413. I, William Noble, citizen and clothier (*Pannarius*) of the city of New Sarum, bequeath to the high altar of the church of St. Thomas the Martyr of the said city of New Sarum, of which I am a parishioner, for my tithes and oblations forgotten, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the work (*operi*) of the church of Barton, in the county of Somerset, 20*s*.

I will that thirty pairs of linen garments (*vestium*) for men

and women be ordained from my goods of cloth which is called "Croys cloſr," and distributed amongst the poor men and women of the villis of Barton aforesaid and Baltesburgh most indigent, and especially amongst the poor of my consanguinity.

To John, my son, 100s., and to Joan, my daughter, 100s. And I will that the said sums be placed in the custody of John Ruddok, father of Agnes, my wife and their mother.

I pardon Robert Noble, of Baltesburgh, my uncle, those 5s. which he owes me, and further I bequeath to him my gown of "Murrey" with a fur (*penula*) on the same, and a hood (*capicium*).

To Robert Noble, my brother, and Margery, my sister, all those my goods which my mother bequeathed to me.

Also I bequeath to Robert, my brother, and Margery, my sister, all my estate which I have of the demise of John Bridham in the meadow called "Edundesmede" in Baltesburgh, to be equally divided, &c.

The residue of all my goods, &c., I give to Agnes, my wife, in the name of her pourparty and for maintaining and governing my children.

I appoint the said Agnes and John Ruddok and Robert Warmyll, citizens of the said town, to execute my present will.

Proved 22nd September in the year abovesaid. Administration committed to Agnes, the relict, and John Ruddok, the executors named.

### 1413. EDWARD CURTEYS.

[24 MARCHE. FO. 223.]

Edward Curteys, Burgess of Wells.

Monday next after the Feast [Oct. 14] of St. Kalixtus the Pope, A.D. 1413. I, Edward Curteys, burgess of Wells, bequeath, &c., my body to be buried in the nave of the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, before the altar of the Cross.

Item, to Sir William Hampine, vicar of the same church, 40s. for my tithes forgotten "*et ignoranciis factis*."

Item, to Sir Thomas atte Wode, chaplain, 40*d*.

Item, to every chaplain being (*existenti*) and celebrating in the said church 2*s*. 6*d*.

To each of the three clerks of the said church 6*d*.

To Sir John Alampton 40*d*.

To Sir Walter Mone 2*s*. 6*d*.

To Sir William Pokyngton 2*s*. 6*d*.

To Sir Thomas Byngham 2*s*. 6*d*.

To Sir John Crede 2*s*. 6*d*.

To Sir William Predy 2*s*. 6*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, 20*s*.

Item, to the fabric of the church of St. Andrew 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to a chaplain to celebrate for my soul one trental (*tricennale*) called "Gregorestrental"<sup>1</sup> within a month after my obit (*obitum*).

To six poor men 1*d*. each every Friday for a year.

To every poor person coming on the day of my obit, one loaf

To the Friars Preachers of Bristol 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the Friars Minors of the said town 6*s*. 8*d*.

I order my executors that 300 masses shall be celebrated on the day of my obit, or with all haste.

To the fabric of the church of Axebrugge 10*s*.

Item, to Cibilla, my mother, 5*li*. of money. And I will that the said 5*li*. remain in the custody of John Yenan, of Axebrugge, to deliver the said money at times when she shall want to have thereof. If it happen that the said Cibilla shall die, whatever shall be left of the said 5*li*. to be distributed amongst chaplains to celebrate and pray for the souls of all the faithful deceased.

To John Meryfeld 20*s*.

To Matilda, wife of the said John, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Joan, wife of Thomas Walsingham, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Thomas Nony, of Axebrugge, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Margaret Silkewomman, 40*d*.

To Juliana Hythe 40*d*.

The residue I give to Alice, my wife, to dispose for the health of my soul. I make the same Alice, my wife, William Weye, and Richard Setter, my executors.

<sup>1</sup> For trental of St. Gregory see *Sarum Missal* (Dickinson), p. 883\*.



Proved 12th November in the year abovesaid. Administration to William Weye and Richard Setter.

### 1414. MARGARET HAKELUYT.

[29 MARCHE. FO. 230.]

I, lady Margaret Hakeluyt, 29th July, A.D. 1414, bequeath, &c., and my body, to be buried in the church of the Friars Minors of Bridgewater next the body of Sir Leonard Hakeluyt, knight, formerly my husband.

To Leonard Stepilton 10*li.*, a cloth of double texture (*duplicis texture*), with a towel (*cum towali*) and one pair of sheets.

To Margaret Stepilton 10 marks.

To Joan Faraway 10 marks.

To Joan Reynon, my sister, a silver cup (*ciphum*) with a cover.

To Agnes, my sister, a silver cup with a cover.

To Walter Tyly a gilt cup with a cover.

To Isabella Burley 20 marks, a gilt cup with a cover, a cloth of double texture (*duplicis texture*), with a towel (*cum towali*).

Item, I bequeath to my poor tenants and to indigent priests 20*li.*

To the church of Penryn a pair of vestments of green colour of velvet.

To the chapel where the bodies of my father and mother are buried one pair of vestments and 40*s.*

To Richard Hert and Agnes, his wife, 13*s.* 4*d.*

To Edith Gonny 13*s.* 4*d.* and a red bed with hangings (*unum lectum rubeum cum tapeto*).

To John Parent 20*s.*

To the high bridge in the marsh 20*s.*

To brother Geoffrey Pollard of the order of Friars Minors 100*s.*

To William Hugyn of the same order 100*s.* and one maser (*maserum*).

I will that the said Walter Tyly be my executor.

11th August in the year above, a commission to Master Ralph Canon, canon of Wells, and John Burney, vicar of Puryton, Sir Richard Pecok, rector of Schepton Malet, and John Corps, perpetual vicar of the church of Bridgewater, to receive the proof, &c.

#### 1414. RICHARD DRAYTON.

[32 MARCHE. FO. 249.]

In the name of the Father, &c. I, Richard Drayton, Canon of the cathedral church of Wells.

I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells a book of Chronicles (*Cronicarum*) and a Roman psalter (*psalterium Romanum*).

To each vicar present in the said church and serving the same 6s. 8d.

To the "*Annuelarii*" 20s. and to each "*Annuelario*" 6s. 8d.

To Thomas Drayton a small breviary (*parvum portiforium*) and a book of decretals (*librum decretalium*) and "*sextum librum*" and "*Clementinas*" which he has of mine.

To Michael, my servant (*serviens*) 2 marks, and to William Street "*familiari meo*" 2 marks, and to William Cateleyne "*familiari meo*" 40s. To John, my cook in the kitchen, 10s.

100s. to buy a breviary (*portiforium*) for the prebendal church of Whytlakynton.

To John Penryn, Welsh clerk, 10s. to say "*psalteria*" for me.

On the day of my burial I will that every poor person coming shall have one halfpenny loaf.

To the said Thomas Drayton one dozen of tin vessels (*de vase stanneo*) and that bed (*lectum*) which he has of mine of red and blue.

Item, I bequeath to the chapter of the cathedral of Wells a book called "*Riēm de med vitt*" and my other books of canon law.

To John Barstaple, my vicar, 20s., and to Agnes Wareyn 6s. 8d.

To the vicar of the church of Kemeseye 20s.

To John Marchell, vicar of the cathedral church of Wells, 20s.

*"Item lego magnum portiforium meum ad jacendum ex parte precentoris in superiori parte et psalterium meum ad jacendum ex parte decani in superiori parte."*

Item, I bequeath two pairs of vestments and one small missal, with all the ornament of the altar, to the chapel of the Blessed Edmund the Bishop and Confessor.

I make my executors Sir John Alampton and Sir Robert Burgh, vicars of the cathedral church of Wells, and Sir William Pokynton "*Annuelarius*," and I bequeath to each of them undertaking the burden of my will 100s. and a silver piece (*peciam*) with a cover.

Written at Wells 15th December, A.D. 1414.

Proved 16th March in the year above. Administration to William Pokynton.

#### 1415. THOMAS BROKE.

[40 MARCHE. FO. 316.]

1415, Setrysdai in ye Vygyle of ye Holy Trynyte.

I wrichyd Synner, Thomas Broke in gode Mynde and out of sekenesse, make my testament gyf it be the will of God, in this my manour of Holdech, in this manner:—

I pray God to receyve my wreched unclene soule in to his mercy and kepe it from dampnacion for the meke passion and deth that his debounte sonne oure lord Jesu Crist soffred on the Crosse for Cherite and pety of mankynd, and my wyll is that my body be beryed in the Churchhēy of the Paryschchurche of Thornecombe as men goth over in to ye churche at ye South syde, ryghte as they mowe stappe on me, and a flat playne stone save my name yngraved yarin; and no leede to be layde in, bote a grete clothe to hely my foule caryin, and of Torches bote three, and three taprys, and no fest nother terment yhold, but three masses at my buryyng, save CCC poure men schullen have mete and drinke ynowe, and every man and woman of ham, 3*d.*, and every child of CCC childerne, yf there be so many childerne, 1*d.*, and thirtene poure men clothyd in Russett ylyned witt white, and every of ham to have 8*d.*



Item, I bequeath to every of my poure tenauntes of Holdych, H<sup>3</sup>tham, Cherd, Cotteleygh and Wycrofte that haveth ygeve to me Capons and bederpes<sup>1</sup> and plouwys thouthe yey be noughte my tenauntes, I will that myne executours do her<sup>9</sup>gre by god discreccion atte ye value of £20 amonge hame; and yf any be that cane pleyn hym that I have oppressed him or do wronge to him I will that my executours shall amende such trespasses, for which I bequethe £10.

Item, to all the other of my tenauntes except those in this bok beforenamed, £100 in money; and I bequethe to poure men blynd and lame £100.

And yff ych have do wronge to eny of my tenauntes or mys tak his goodes, I will yat it be restored to ham.

The residue of my goodes I bequethe to Johane my wyfe, reserving always to me volle power to chaunge this testament; and I ordain executours Johane my wyfe, William Beerdof, sir John Dey, parson of Bageworthe, Raufe Perceuale, sir Edward Osborne, vicary of Thornecombe.

Proved 5th February, 1417, by Edward Osborne, to whom administration was granted, with power reserved, &c., and they have a day to exhibit the inventory, to wit on the first day of sitting (*die juridico*) after Easter next.

[An account of the testator is to be found in *S. A. and N. H. S. Proc.* (xlii, ii, 14), in a paper on the Brook family by W. H. H. Rogers, F.S.A., entitled, "Brook of Le Brook in Ilchester, Somerset, Olditch, in Thornecombe, and Weycroft, in Axminster, Devon." He married Johanna, second daughter and coheir of Simon Hanap, or Hanham, of Gloucestershire, and widow of Robert Chedder, Mayor of Bristol in 1360-1. By her first husband she had four sons; and by her second husband, two sons, Thomas and Michael. This interesting will is given in full in the Appendix.]

## 1415. EDMUND LEVERSEGGE.

[30 MARCH. FO. 236.]

Tuesday the feast [July 2] of SS. Processus and Martinianus the Martyrs, A.D. 1415. I, Edmund Leverage, of Frome, bequeath to the fabric of the parish church of Frome 20s.

<sup>1</sup> Bedripe (*bearepium*, *bederipa*), harvest work done by tenants as a customary service.

and to the fabric of the parish church of Estlecche 13s. 4d. [East Leach, Gloucestershire].

To each of the lights (*luminarum*) in the church of Frome 2s.

To each of the lights in the church of Estlecche, 12d.

Item, to John Hardor, the elder, a cow and twelve ewes and a quarter of wheat and a quarter of barley.

To John Hardor, the younger, a cow, six ewes, half a quarter of wheat, and half a quarter of barley.

To Peter, my servant (*servo*), 20s.

Item, to Robert, my son, the value of 20 marks in money or chattels, and a silver piece (*peciam*), a bowl (*cratheram*), six silver spoons, and a bed suitable for his standing.

To Richard, my son, the like.

The residue I give to my executors to dispose for my soul, (the soul) of my father, &c.

I make my executors William Gascoigne, of Briggewater, and John Bayworth, chaplain.

Proved 23rd October, A.D. abovesaid, administration committed to the executors named.

## 1415. JOHN NORTHMORE.

[30 MARCHE. FO. 240.]

4th December, A.D. 1415, I, John Northmore, of the town of Taunton, diocese of Wells.

My body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of the town of Taunton.

To the said church 3*li*.

To the vicar of the church of St. Mary Magdalen in the town aforesaid 5*s*., and to every chaplain celebrating *divina* in the same 2*s*. 6*d*. to pray for my soul and the souls of my parents and all the faithful deceased.

Item, to William, my son, 40*li*., twelve silver spoons, a bed (*lectum*) with all the apparel (*apparatu*), my best silver cup and a basin (*pelvim*), with a ewer (*lavacro*), a brass pot, and a brass pan (*patellam*).

Item, to John Hych 100s. and to Matilda, his wife, a silver cup (*ciphum*).

To William, my brother, my best gown (*togam*) and 20s.

To my brother Janyn a gown (*togam*) and 13s. 3d.

To Joan, my sister, 6s. 8d.

To Joan, my sister, 20s.

To John Eggenen<sup>s</sup> 40s.

To John Stafford 20s.

To Alice Hych 13s. 4d. and one "stone" of wool.

To Alice Coulyng 6s. 8d.

To William Porter 40s.

The residue of my goods I give to Joan, my wife, to dispose for my soul.

I make my said wife, William Northmore, my *consanguineus*, William, my son, and John Hych my executors.

Witnesses. Thomas Ufcombe, prior of Taunton, Richard Ufwell, vicar of the said church of St. Mary Magdalen, Richard Marchant and others.

Proved 1st February in the year above. Administration committed to William Northmore.

### 1415. JOHN VENABLES.

[30 MARCHE. FO. 263.]

On Sunday next after Christmas, A.D. 1415. I, John Venables, sound of mind, &c., bequeath my soul to God and my body to be buried in the chapel of St. Katherine next (*juxta*) the chancel of the church of Congesbury.

Item, to Sir Robert, the vicar there, for tithes forgotten 40d.

Item, to Sir William, the chaplain there, one trental (*trentale*).

Item, to the Prior and Convent of Bruton 20s. for tithes forgotten.

To the vicar of Banewell for tithes forgotten 40d.

Item, for the use of the church of Congesbury a chalice (*unum calicen*).

To William Venables, my brother, and his boys, if my goods can reach it, my debt being paid, 10 marks.



To Richard Venables my *consanguineus* my gown of scarlet (*togam meam de Scarleto*) furred, with a hood (*capicio*).

For the use of the church of Brockley one pair of vestments.

I make Thomas Sambroke, John Su<sup>o</sup>den, William Venables, my brother, John Chelyngton, and John Nevyle my executors.

I will that Joan, my wife, have a moiety of the residue of my goods. The other moiety to pious uses.

Proved 23rd April, A.D. 1416. Administration granted to the executors named.

[In Subsidy Roll 13 Hen. IV (1411-12) testator's lands are thus given :—

“Johes Venables cert. ter. — x marcs et idem Johes ibm psens  
&c. in Bristol cert. ter. — xx marcs.”

(*Bath F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 197.)]

[Fo. 239D.]

24th January, A.D. 1415, to Master Nigell Hame, Bachelor in Laws, rector of the parish church of Kyngyston Seymour, diocese of Bath, to prove the will of John Venables, “*domicellus*,” of the said diocese, deceased.

### 1415. THOMAS KNOYEL.

[31 MARCHE. FO. 245.]

A.D. 1415, January 15th. I, Thomas Knoyel, bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the church of St. Nicholas being on the south side of the parish church of Sampford Orskeys.

Item, to the cathedral church of Wells 40*d*.

To the church of Sampford 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to Joan, my wife, a half part of all my goods.

Item, to John Fonderay a silver piece (*peciam*) with a second best cover.

To Sir John Langthorn a silver piece with the third best cover.

To each of my tenants of Sampford a bushell of wheat.

I make my executors Joan, my wife, John Funderay and Sir John Langthorn.

Proved 24th February, A.D. above. Administration to John Langthorn.

## 1415. JOHN CHERNE.

[30 MARCHE. FO. 239.]

A certain commission issued under date 22nd January, A.D. 1415, to Master John Theukysbury, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Merchfelde, diocese of Worcester, William Chepman and John Keynys "*laicis*" of the said town to pronounce the sequestration put by Master John Eskourt on the goods of John Cherne, of Bath, lately deceased intestate, to safely keep the goods, &c.

And the Commissary on the 26th day of January, A.D. as above, released the sequestration put on the goods of the said deceased, and dismissed the executors named in his will, &c.

## 1415. RICHARD CLERKE.

[31 MARCHE. FO. 244.]

I, Richard Clerke of Pennysford, make my will in this manner:—

First I bequeath my soul to God and my body to sacred burial (*sacre sepulture*).

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church chapel (*ecclē capell*) of St. Thomas of Pennysford, 100s.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Stauntondrew, 20s.

Item, to the four orders of Friars of Bristol, 4*li.* to be divided amongst them in equal portions.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Norton-Marlreward, 13s. 4*d.*

Item, to Richard my kinsman (*cognato*), 40s.

Item, to John Stoweye, 40s.

Item, to John Newman, 20s.

Item, to Robert my son, 10*li.*

Item, to Isabel, daughter of the said Robert, 100s.

Item, to John, son of the said Robert, 40s.

Item, to Kok of Staunton aforesaid, 20s.

Item, to Margaret my servant (*servienti*), 20s.

Item, to Joan, daughter of Roger Liveden, 100s.

Item, to the fabric of the bridge of Morton for the labour of the hands of stonecutters (*maniū latamoz*).

Item, I bequeath and ordain that my executors with my goods shall find four priests for one year, or two for two years, or one for four years, by the disposition of my executors, to celebrate in the chapel of St. Thomas aforesaid for my soul, &c.

And I ordain as my executors Roger Lyveden of Bristol and John Foruntell, rector of Norton aforesaid, and constitute William Knap overseer over the said executors.

The residue of my goods I give and bequeath to my executors, that they may distribute them to the poor and in other pious uses for the salvation of my soul.

Written at Pennysford aforesaid, 6th February, A.D. 1415.

Proved 20th February, 1415, and administration committed to the executors named. Afterwards, on the 14th of the said month, the executors were acquitted.

### 1416. JOHN HOREWODE.

[37 MARCHE. FO. 294.]

Sunday next before the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, A.D. 1416. I, John Horewode, burgess of Wells, sound of mind, &c.

My body to be buried within the nave (*nauem*) of the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, before the high cross.

Item, I bequeath 13s. 4d. for the building of the vestry (*domus concilii*) of the same church.

6s. 8d. to the fabric of the same church.

To Sir Walter Hampine, vicar of the said church, for my tithes forgotten, and wrongly made (*et ignoranciis factis*), 40s.

To each chaplain coming to the said church to "Dirige" and mass on the day of my burial 4d.

3*li*. in general distribution on the day of my burial in bread to all poor coming.

Item, iiij gowns (*Jouþ*) of "russet" to four poor men to hold four torches (*tortices*) around my "herse" (*hercium*).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hercia, hercium; Candelabrum ecclesiasticum in modum occæ, seu trigoni, confectum (*Ducange*).



To three clerks each 3*d*.

I will that there be a trental of St. Gregory for my soul and the souls for which I am bound.

100*s*. to a fit priest to celebrate in the church of St. Cuthbert at the altar of the Holy Trinity for one entire year for my soul and the souls of all the faithful deceased.

Item, to John Schepard one gown of blue and green furred with white and one doublet of worsted.

To John, my *consanguineus*, "*j jouþ de Taune furř cum nigro j doblet de coreo cerui*."

To Thomas Galewey one gown embroidered and furred (*stragulař furrař*).

To John Bole one gown of blue lined.

To John Dier one gown of green lined.

To Agnes, my servant (*servienti*), a suitable bed (*lectum*), viz., with the coverlet (*coopertura*), one pair of sheets, one pair of "*Blankettes*," "*j materas*," and 20*s*. in money.

To John, my *consanguineus* aforesaid, 20*s*. in money.

To Thomas Blyth one girdle of silk and banded with silver (*unam zonam de serico et stipatam cum argento*).

The residue I give to Margery, my wife, and Thomas, my son, that they may dispose thereof for the health of my soul.

I make the said Margery and Thomas, my son, my executors.

Proved 1st April in the year abovesaid.

## 1416. WILLIAM EXCESTRE.

[47 MARCHE. FO. 372.]

The 1st day of October, A.D. 1416. I, William Excestre, Canon of the cathedral church of Wells, bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells "*ad operis sustentacionem*" 40*s*.

To the work (*opus*) of the parish church of Trowbrigge 20*s*.

To the parish church of Bledon "*ad operis sustentacionem*" 20*s*.

To each of my executors 13*s*. 4*d*.

The residue of my goods for the health of my soul.

I appoint my executors, Robert Burgz, vicar of the cathedral church of Wells, William Pokynton, and William Pridie, "*annuellarii*" of the same church.

Proved 20th August, A.D. 1419. Administration granted to William Cokynton<sup>1</sup> and William Prydy, executors, &c.

### 1416. THOMAS AUNGER.

[38 MARCHE. FO. 299.]

On Saturday next before the feast of St. Kalixtus the Pope [October 14], A.D. 1416. I, Thomas Aunger, the younger.

My body to be buried in the parish church of Aungerslegh near Emmota, my mother.

To the fabric of the parish church of Thornfaucon 3s. 4d.

To twenty poor, each of them 4d.

Item, *volo quod fenum et decime garbarum parva<sup>2</sup> apud Legh empt. et inhornat quod primo de eisdem integre Rectori ibm et pro aliis omnibus ecclesie pleno solvantur et quod remaneat de eisdem distribuatur inter pauperes tam infra parochiam de Legh quam extra ad orand<sup>9</sup> pro anima mea.*

The residue to Joan, my wife, and Elizabeth, my daughter, and I make the said Joan my executrix.

Proved 8th August, A.D. 1417. The executrix named is sworn, &c.

### 1416. JOHN STONE.

[37 MARCHE. FO. 289.]

On Thursday, the Morrow of St. Calixtus the Pope, A.D. 1416, I, John Stone, rector of the parish church of Tintenhulle, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the church afore-said.

<sup>1</sup> Sic MS., but *Pokynton* is meant, see will of Richard Drayton (*ante*).

<sup>2</sup> The manuscript is rubbed here; probably *parva[rum]* is intended.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric and ornaments of the said church 20s.

Item, to the fraternity of the light (*luminis*) of the Blessed Mary in the said church 20s.

To the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 6s. 8d.

To the fabric of the chapel of Preston 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to William George of Tintenhulle 6s. 8d.

To John Merscheton of the same, and his wife, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the children of a Welshman (*Wallicus*) dwelling there next Merscheton 6s. 8d.

Item, to the wife of Roger Smythe of the same place, one black cow now in the keeping of the said Roger.

Item, to each poor person now in the almshouse of Yeuele, 6s. 8d.

Item, to Ellen Gylbys of Tyntenhulle 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Bedeman<sup>1</sup> (*oratori*) of Tyntenhulle, that he may pray for my soul whenever he passes, praying through the town (*orando transierat per villam*), 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to John Sparwe 40s. so that he be a kind friend and counsellor of my executors underwritten.

Item, to John Passware and his wife 40s.

Item, to the two serving women (*duabus servientibus*) of the said John 13s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Gore 20s.

To Sir Henry Gilbert, chaplain, 6s. 8d.

To Sir Henry, chaplain of Preston, 6s. 8d.

To John Bardolfe, chaplain, 5s.

To Thomas Stawmpford (*Stawpford*), chaplain, 5s.

And of this my will I make John Passeware and Robert Gore my executors. Any residue there may be of my goods not bequeathed, as well as of my rents in the county, shall be disposed to the honour of God and to the maintenance of the poor in the almshouse of Zeuele [Yecovil] lately founded, at the disposition of the said John Passware.

Proved 21st November, &c., in the year abovesaid, &c.

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<sup>1</sup> Beadsman, one paid or endowed to pray for others; a pensioner or almsman charged with the duty of praying for the souls of his benefactors, hence in later times, an inmate of an almshouse.—(*N. E. D.*)



## 1416. WALTER USSHER.

[37 MARCHE. FO. 294.]

On the Feast [January 22] of St. Vincent the Martyr, A.D. 1416, I, Walter Ussher, of Chiew, make my testament as follows, before Sir John, chaplain of the parish, and many others.

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Chiew, one old lead vessel (*unū plumbum vetus*).

Item, to the use of the said chapel two ewes (*oves matrices*).

To the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to Sir John Leycetir, parish chaplain, 20*d*.

Item, to Robert Seve, clerk, 20*d*.

Item, to John Parson a gown embroidered and furred (*togam stragulat<sup>9</sup> cū penulis*).

Item, to Robert Toker and Juliana, his wife, a bushel of corn and half a small flitch (*flich*) of bacon, and to the said Juliana a tunic of green cloth furred (*unam tunicam de panno virid<sup>9</sup> penulat<sup>9</sup>*).

Item, to Margery Beaufitz 1½ bushels of wheat.

Item, to Robert Godering and Christine Paff a bushel of wheat.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to my wife Ellen, whom I make my executrix.

Proved before Master John Estcourt on the 29th of March, and *consequenter* the said executrix was acquitted, and paid 6*s*. 8*d*.

## 1416. ROBERT WASPRAY.

[37 MARCHE. FO. 294.]

On the 1st day of February, A.D. 1416, I, Robert Waspray, citizen of the city of Bath, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary de Stalles in Bath near the south door of the said church.

I bequeath 10*li.* silver to be expended about my funeral by the advice and agreement of my friends, and to be distributed to the poor.

Item, to the parish church of Northquerry [? Northcurry] a chalice (*unum calicem*).

Item, to each of the sons of John Deran, my brother, a brass pot (*unam ollam eneam*).

Item, I give to Richard Widenale and John Byton, citizens of Bath, my tenement with the garden adjacent which John Harward holds of me for the term of his life, in the west street of the said city ; and also my tenements, rents, and reversions in a lane called "Plumtrelane Paynestochen" in the city aforesaid. And I will that the said Richard and John make a feoffment thereof to the Mayor and commonalty of Bath, for ever, to hold one anniversary every year for ever, by the proctors of the chantry of the city aforesaid, with a moiety of the profits of the said lands and tenements. And if such donation cannot be made and done, I will that the said Richard and John do sell the premises, so that with the money coming therefrom they shall cause one anniversary to be made for the souls of myself, Alice, my wife, and my children.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to the said Richard and John to dispose for my soul, and I appoint them my executors.

To this my will I have set my seal in the presence of Sir John Barret, vicar of the said church of St. Mary de Stalles Thomas Webbe, and John Whityng, citizens of Bath.

Proved 29th March, A.D. 1417.

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### 1417. WILLIAM STARKE.

[37 MARCHE. FO. 295.]

A.D. 1417, 17th April. I, William Starke, parishioner of the parish church of St. John the Baptist, of Frome, diocese of Bath and Wells, bequeath my soul to God, and my body to be buried near the baptistry (*baptisterium*) of the aforesaid church.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 6s. 8d.

To the fabric of the conventual church of Bath 3s. 4d.

My debts and funeral being paid, one part of my goods which remain to be distributed for my soul, the second part to William, my son, and Dionisia, his sister. The third part to Lucy, my wife.

A suit of vestments to the high altar of the church of Frome, "*cum toto apparatu decenti et honesto.*"

To the vicar of the said church 40s.

To the chaplain of the parish 5s.

To Cristiana, my daughter, 23*li.* 6s. 8d.

To Juliana, my sister, 10 marks.

To each of my servants 40d.

My executors shall pay during the life of my mother by the week 12d.

I appoint executors Robert Cras and John Perys. Sir John, chaplain of the parish of Frome, overseer. They to dispose the residue of my goods for the health of my soul and the souls of my parents.

Proved 13th May.

## 1417. RICHARD WEYVYLE.

[40 MARCHE. FO. 314.]

A.D. 1417, 13th May. I, Richard Weyuyle, of Rademyld [Rodmell, Sussex], in the diocese of Chichester, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the great church of the monastery of St. Pancras of Lewes, viz., within the procession-aisle (*processionem*).

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Chichester, 20s.

Item, I bequeath for 3,000 masses to be celebrated for my soul in three days immediately after my death, 12*li.* 10s.

Item, to each priest (*presbitero*) celebrating masses for my soul on the day of my death, 6d.



Item, to each poor person coming and praying for my soul on the same day, 1*d*.

Item, to each priest (*presbitero*) celebrating mass for my soul at my exequies, 6*d*.

Item, to each poor person coming on the same day, 1*d*.

Item, I bequeath to Simon Hegham, Davy, Symon Cook, Dangard, John Rykyer, and Launceman, my domestic servants (*famulis meis domesticis*), 10*6s*. 8*d*. among them, and this by the oversight of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to John Alfray the younger of Grenstede, that he may pray for my soul, 20*s*.

Item, to the church of Rademeld, one chest with an iron cover, to place the principal vestment in, and keep it safe.

Item, I bequeath to the said church one "Couerlit" of "tapeset" work painted (*depictam*) with white dogs, to lie before the high altar at the principal feasts.

Item, to Mercy, wife of Nicholas Carrew, one primer (*preñ*)<sup>1</sup> with devotions (*cum devocionibus*).

Item, I bequeath to Elizabeth Elunham, one gold cross with a gold chain.

Item, I will that my manor of Cattefeld together with the advowson of the church of St. A—— shall remain to the convent of the monastery of St. Pancras of Lewes for ever, provided the said convent shall hold my obit specially every year for ever, and that the said convent shall have one pittance in the same refectory in all wood to the said manor belonging reserved to my overseers and executors to my use.

Item, I will that all my lands at Bolne shall remain to Walter Bolne, Joan, his wife, and Richard, their son, for the term of their lives, all wood growing on the said land reserved to my own use.

Item, I will that my lordship of Bekynhaldre in co. Somerset, and my lands at Horseye and Welyngdon, shall be sold and disposed for my soul, viz., on priests to celebrate masses, on the poor and on making necessary ways.

Item, I will that all my lands at Pycombe, Sadelescumbe, Sonde, and Oldelond in Dychenyng shall be sold and disposed

<sup>1</sup> It is possible that *precū* is meant; and the meaning would be *one rosary*.

among my kinsfolk (*consanguineos*) as there shall be most need.

Item, I will that my manor of Blachyngton, with my armour (*armis*), shall remain to my right heirs male for ever.

Item, I will that my land called Bakwyk in Dychenyng shall remain to Richard, son of Walter Bolne, my godson, for the term of his life, and after his decease shall be disposed for my soul.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed shall remain one half to Agatha, my wife, and the other half to Walter Bolne and Master Stephen Overton, whom I make my executors; and Sir Robert, lord of Ponyngges, Sir Thomas Sakeuyle, knight, and Nicholas Carrew, my overseers.

Proved 10th December [1417], and administration granted to Walter Bolne of Bolne, in the diocese of Chichester, with power reserved, &c.

## 1417. JOHN DE HARYNGTON, KNT.

[41 MARCHE. FO. 325.]

8th June, A.D. 1417. I, John de Haryngton, knight, lord of Aldyngham, intending to visit foreign parts outside the kingdom of England by God's grace, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath to Elizabeth, my wife, a moiety of all my silver plate (*vassalli*).

Item, I bequeath to her all ornaments of the wardrobe, chamber, hall, pantry, "*botlerii*," kitchen, larder, oven (*pistrine*), and stable with all utensils pertaining to my households, in the counties of Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall.

I appoint Elizabeth, my wife, Thomas Baldyng', clerk, John Corleston, the elder, Thomas Broughton, and John Russell, clerk, my executors.

Proved 26th April, A.D. 1418.

[In a Subsidy Roll 13 Hen. IV (1411-1412), testator's lands in Somerset are as follows:—

"Johes dns de Haryngton mil. man. de Porlok et al. cert. ter. xvli."  
(*Bath F. C. Proc.*, ix, 3, 199.)]

## 1417. SIMON SKYNNER.

[38 MARCHE. FO. 299.]

25th June, A.D. 1417, I, Simon Skynner, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Andrew the Apostle of Chiew Episcopi.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the fabric of the church of St. John of Devyse 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to celebrate one hundred masses for my soul, 10s.

Item, to Robert, my son, 40*li*.

Item, to Joan, my servant (*servienti*), 10 marks.

Item, I give and bequeath to Isabella my wife my four tenements in the town of Devyse, to hold to my said wife for her life, with remainder to Robert my son, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Isabella, my wife, whom I appoint my executrix, to ordain and dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem best to her.

In witness whereof to this my present will I have affixed my seal.

Proved, &c. [*sic*].

## 1417. JOHN RODENEY, ESQ.

[51 MARCHE. FO. 405.]

I, John Rodeney, esquire, make my will in this manner, to wit, on Thursday the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, A.D. 1417, and 5 Henry V.

I bequeath my body to be buried as God has ordained.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the parish church of St. Andrew of Bacwell, 10 marks.

Item, to Tristram Guynhero, 40s.



Item, to William Arderum, 40s.

To John Rooke, 100s.

Item, I will that Agnes my wife, John Walshe, rector of the church of Saltforde, and John Rooke, shall pay my debts and the debts of my father out of the residue of my goods not bequeathed; and that they shall receive from John Seynt Jon 250 marks which he owes me, and shall keep it for the child to be born to me, if God will it shall be born into the world; and if it die before it come to full (*perfectam*) age, then I will that Walter Rodney, my son, shall have of the said money 100*li.*, and my wife shall have 100 marks. And if the said Walter die before he come to full age, then the said 100*li.* shall be disposed for my soul by the oversight of Agnes my wife, John Walshe and John Rooke, whom I make my executors. In witness whereof I have affixed my seal.

Also I will that my feoffees the which beth seised of all my landys and rentys in the schyre of Somersett do ther wyth as syre John, the parson of Saltforde, and John Rooke shalle Certyfy ham in my be halve, for y haue declared my wyll and myn entent to ham.<sup>1</sup>

[No probate act.]

## 1417. JOHN SPERWE.

[40 MARCHE. FO. 319.]

A.D. 1417, July 25th. I, John Sperwe [*Sparowe in margin*] of Yeuyll, in the house of Walter Chauntermerle, situate in the parish of Cattestoke, diocese of Salisbury, make my will in this manner.

I bequeath to Alice, wife of Walter Chauntermerle afore-said, 40s.

To Thomas Garde, clerk, my servant, 20s.

To William Schort, of Mertokey, co. Somerset, all my lands, &c., in Langport Estover, and Westover, Yevell, Stoford, Milborne, Dorchester, and Scheftesbury. To have and to hold to the said William, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

<sup>1</sup> The last clause is written in English.

The residue I bequeath to the said William Schort that he dispose of the same for the health of my soul. I make the said William Schort my executor.

Proved 17th February, A.D. 1417. Administration to William Schort, the executor named.

### 1417. JOHN SHIRFORDE.

[46 MARCHE. FO. 361.]

On the Feast [August 1] of St. Peter which is called ad vincula, A.D. 1417, I, John Shirforde, canon of the Cathedral Church of Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the nave of the church of St. Stephen of Constance (*Constan*) near to (*prope*) the corpse (*cadaver*) of Master William Corke lately deceased.

Item, I will that all my money being in exchange (*in cambio*) in the society of John Victor, to wit, 30 ducats (*de Camera*) shall be expended about my funeral and other works of piety in the best way that can be done at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to Roberga my mother, if she be surviving, half (*mediam partem*) of that money which is in my purse, to the sum, as I estimate, of 10 marks in all.

Item, I will that my book called "*lira*," which I have caused to be written in part here in Constance, shall be completed, and given to the Cathedral Church of Wells, there to remain for ever.

Item, I will that all books being at Banewelle be delivered to the Prior and Convent and the house of the Carthusian order of London, under the same condition as I delivered certain of my books to them a short while (*modicum*) before my departure from England, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to Brother John Wellē "*pœnitentiarius*" for the English nation in the Court of Rome, 20s.

Item, to Frederick my servant, 20s.

The residue of my goods, after my debts are fully paid, I bequeath to John Codeforde, rector of Hibukyngton in the

diocese of Exeter, and to John Thretheake the elder, esquire, whom I make my executors in this behalf, there being then there present Sir Henry Mary, canon of Wells, Sir Michael Carvebone and Sir John Reynolds, priests, and others, and the said executors to the administration of the premises by me earnestly solicited (*requisitis*) and not refusing.

Proved 25 October, 1419, and administration committed to the executors named.

[See the note at the end of the next will.]

### 1417. JOHN WELLES.

[46 MARCHE. FO. 366.]

On the Morrow of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A.D. 1417. I, John Welles, doctor of decrees, canon of Wells, and rector of the parish church of Chedesey, diocese of Bath and Wells, &c. My body to be buried in the church of St. Stephen Constañ near the place where Master William Corff is buried.

Item, I will that from my goods there be bought and made a cover (*coopertorium*) of black "Bukeram" in suitable quantity with a cross of white linen in the middle for covering my bier when I shall be borne to the church, which shall remain there for ever, for the special use of the English (*Anglicorum*) on condition that they be altogether excused from payment to the said church by reason of gold cloth or of other whatsoever for having burial there.

All my vestments and other goods shall be sold and distributed in celebrating masses and other works of piety for my soul and the souls of all my benefactors deceased.

I release to Thomas Smyth, husband of my cousin (*consobrine mee*) those 40s. which he owes me.

To my two sisters, to each of them living, 10 marks.

I will that all my books be sold and of the money let priests be hired (*conducantur*) who shall celebrate masses and other divine offices in the parish churches of Chedesey and Lekamstede, diocese of Lincoln, as long as the said money



shall last, for my soul and the souls of all my benefactors deceased.

Item, *avunclo meo vicario de Stowe dicte Lincoln dioc' omnia candelabra mea de laton exist' in custodia dicte Johis Grype.*

Item, to John Grype, chaplain, two new basins (*pelves*) with ewers (*cum lavacris*) and two gowns (*togas*) being in his custody to pray for my soul and the souls aforesaid.

To Thomas Fermour, my clerk, my breviary (*portiforium*) and my book of "*Decisiones Rote*" newly bound in paper, also my white rosary (*precaria*) with gilt beads (*gaudiis*) to pray for my soul and for good service done to me.

From the residue of the money coming from the church of Chedesey, after my debts paid, if it can be done, I will that there be bought a suit of honest vestments for the said church, and if there shall be anything over let it be given in relief of the parishioners at the collection of the fifteenth granted to the Lord the King.

I make Master John Stortwhayt, Sir Robert Burgh, and the said Thomas, my clerk, executors.

Dated at Constanč at the time of the general Council there celebrated.

Proved 9th November, A.D. abovesaid. Administration committed to Thomas Fermor.

[The Council of Constance which the testator was attending at the time of his death, lasted from 1414 to 1418. An account of it will be found in Creighton's *Papacy*, Vol. I, Bk. 2.]

## 1417. MAG. RICHARD BRUTON.

[39 MARCHE. FO. 310.]

In the name of God Amen, I Richard Bruton, Canon of Wells, make my will in this manner. My body to be buried in the parish church of Bruton, in the chancel. I bequeath to Sir John Cosham, prior of Bruton, j silver "*bolle*" with a cover (*coopertorio*) to pray for me.

Item, to the abbot of Mochelney that he may pray for me "*j Flat*" piece (*peč*) with a cover.

Item, to each friar, being a priest, of the four orders of Friars, Preachers, Minors, Carmelites, and Augustine "*in religione esistenti*" in the county of Somerset and the town of Bristol 2s. 6d., on condition that each of them celebrate by himself (*per se*) if he is able or otherwise cause to be celebrated by another xxx masses for my soul within forty days from the time of the receipt of the legacy, if he can, or otherwise as quickly as he conveniently can.

Item, to each friar, not being a priest, of the said orders and houses 20d. to say for my soul or for those to whom I am bound twenty times (*vicesies*) "*Placebo*" et "*Dirige*," that is, xx "*Placebo*" and "*Dirige*."

Item, to each community of the said orders and houses within the circuit above named 6s. 8d. to have me commended in their prayers (*suffragia*).

Item, to each monk and canon being a priest of all religious houses within the diocese of Bath and Wells and the town of Bristol, to wit, "*Austynys*" and "*Gauntys*" 2s. 6d. for the purpose aforesaid.

To each monk and canon, not being a priest, of the said houses 20d. for the purpose aforesaid.

Item, to each community of the said houses 6s. 8d. for the purpose aforesaid.

Item, to each Canon residentiary in the church of Wells and of St. Paul, London, and also to each vicar and *annuellarius* being a priest in the said churches 2s. 6d.

To each Canon or vicar of the said churches not a priest 20d. for the purpose aforesaid.

To each friar of the four orders in London, Sarum and Winchester as above to each friar not a priest of the said houses 20d., to each monk, being a priest, of the Charterhouses in Zelewode, London and Henton 2s. 6d., to each monk not a priest 20d. to each community of the said houses 6s. 8d.

Item, to each chaplain serving in the parish churches of Bruton, St. Cuthbert, Wells, or any of my benefices 2s. 6d. for the purpose aforesaid.

Item, to each of the choristers (*corustorum*) of Wells, altarists (*altaristarum*), tabellars (*Tabellariorum*), masons (*lathamorum*) or their servants (*serviencium*), and also to the sacristan (*sacriste*)

and his servant (*servienti*) 12*d.* so that each of them who can say his psalter shall say eight "*psalteria*" for my soul, and he who cannot say his psalter, shall say eight "*psalteria*" of St. Mary for my soul.

Item, I bequeath 40*s.* to six persons, so that each of them say for my soul a hundred "*Placebo*" and "*Dirige*."

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells 40*s.*

Item to the fabric of the bridge near the mansion "*Le Cellys atte Mulle*" (*juxta mansionem Le Cellys atte Mulle*) between Ynglesham and Hyworth, in the county of Barkschire, for the health of my soul and of the souls of John Keake and William Workman 20*s.*

To the fabric of the bridge of Lechelade near there 20*s.*

To the Church of Barewardescote [*i.e.*, Buscot, Berks] for mending the books and the chancel 20*s.*

For the fabric of the same church 20*s.*

For the fabric of the Collegiate Church of St. Endellion<sup>1</sup> and of the chancel there 40*s.*

Item, to each brother being a priest of the houses of the Hospitals of St. John at Wells, Bath, and Bruggewater 2*s.* 6*d.*

Item, to each poor person lying in bed in their own or other houses not being able to go out by reason of sickness in the towns of Wells, Bruton, Axbrugg, Glaston, Shepton, Corscumbe, Evercryche, Milton, Bruham, Hyham, Kyngesbury, Lydeyard, and Asshull 6*d.*

I ordain that 100*s.* be distributed between chaplains celebrating every day for my soul *magna festinatione non expectata testamenti probacione sed per unum executorum meorum de bonis suis propriis fiat, non parcendo laboribus neque expensis quin hee Misse omnino celebrentur in diversis magnis villis ultra predicta legata infra xv dies ab hora mortis mee.*

To each poor person coming on the day of my sepulture to seek alms 1*d.*

To each priest present at my exequies on the day of my sepulture, at "*Placebo*" and "*Dirige*" 4*d.*, and at mass 4*d.*

Item, I will that around my body there be xiiij poor men "*vestiti cum xiiij Tapres in manibus portantibus cum uno nigro*

<sup>1</sup> R. B. held the prebend of Bodmin in the Church of St. Endellion, Cornwall (*Bp. Stafford's Register*, pp. 155, 201).



*panno novo ornato albo panno novo, quidem pannus jacet supra tumbam corporis mortui usque ad diem anniversarii*" with two tapers (*cereis*) burning at the head and at the feet ; during which time 1*d.* to be distributed every day to each chaplain celebrating in the church of Bruton for my soul, and I will that on the day of my sepulture exequies be made at Bruton by night amongst the Canons and others of the vill, in the parish church, and let drink (*potus*) and other necessities be distributed to them as the custom there is. Giving to each Canon or chaplain present at the exequies 4*d.* and at mass on the morrow 4*d.* and to each poor person coming 1*d.* and to the Convent of Bruton there *pro refectio*ne in the refectory "*de signo Trouet*" [or *Tronet*] that my name may be placed in the bead roll (*martologizetur*) amongst their benefactors and 40*s.* to the convent "*ut in eorum Martologio.*"

To the convent of Mochelney I will that there be given by night to each monk 3*d.* and on the day of my sepulture to each monk 3*d.*, and to each poor person coming there the value of  $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*

On the day of my sepulture let there be delivered to the vicars of Wells for their *communacione* in the hall 6*s.* 8*d.* and also I will that there be delivered to them one good piece (*peç*) with a cover (*coopertorio*) and one good table cloth (*Mappam mensalem*) and 20*s.* to pray for my soul.

To the poor of London 100*s.*

To the poor of Winton 60*s.*

To the poor of Sarum 60*s.*

To the poor of Bristol 60*s.*

To the poor of Exeter 50*s.*

To the poor of Taunton 30*s.*

To the poor of Bruton and Wells equally 30*s.*

To the poor of Mochelney 10*s.*

To the poor of Bath 20*s.*

To the poor of Bruggewater 30*s.*

To the poor of Glaston 20*s.*

To the poor at Somerton 13*s.* 4*d.*

To the poor at Crokhorn 20*s.*

To the poor lying at Wellyngton, Cherde, Wyvelyscombe, Wynsham, and Northcory 40*s.*

To the poor at Kyngesbury 40s. Hyham 40s. Asshull 20s. Lydezerd 20s. Chelmeley<sup>1</sup> 13s. 4d. St. Endelien<sup>t</sup> 20s. Lamport 10s.

To the house of Stauerdell for repairing the dormitory house 100s.

To the poor in Castelcombe near Bath 6s. 8d.

In Montagowe 6s. 8d.

In Combe near Horsyngton 6s. 8d.

In Exford 6s. 8d.

In Mynhede 13s. 4d.

In Axbrugge 6s. 8d.

In Zelchestre 6s. 8d.

Item, one pair of vestments to the churches of Kyngesbury, Asshull, Hyham, Lydeyard, Chelmeleche, and St. Endelien<sup>t</sup>.

Item, I bequeath to the *annuellarii* of Wells one maser (*j ciphum Murreū*) one table cloth (*j mappam mensalem*) *j tuell* and *j* small piece and 20s. to register my name *et in eorum martologio et me recommendatum inter eorum suffragia quolibet die habeant.*

To the poor lying at the "*Spytelhous*" in Bruton, to pray for me 6s. 8d.

To the poor lying in the hospital at Briggewater, to pray for me 10s.

To the poor lying in the "*Spytell*" at Taunton, to pray for me 3s. 4d.

To the poor lying in "*le Spytelhous*" at Bristol which Brastaple made, to pray for me 20s.

For repairing the way between Dyn<sup>r</sup> [Dinder] and Wells 40s.

For repairing the way from Wells to Woky 20s.

For repairing the way from Kewardysbrugge below Parkwall to the end of the said wall (*pariet*) 20s.

For repairing the way from the house of the "*bercaria*"<sup>2</sup> of the Prior of Bruton to Estrope and beyond 30s.

For repairing the ways within the parish of Kyngesbury 50s.

All my fire-wood (*ligna focalia*) at Wells at the disposal of John Axbrugge or another to be distributed amongst the poor. 40s. to the said John to buy "*torrys*" for the poor.

<sup>1</sup> Chumleigh (Devon).

<sup>2</sup> Bercaria, a sheepfold.

I will that for several years the vicars celebrate in the church of Wells *per cursum eorum* at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen every day for my soul and my parents' "*hora pulsacionis secunde prime*" receiving 12d. each week.

The same at Bruton and Staverdele.

And let one small "*tabula*" at the time of mass be placed before the priest's eyes whereon shall be written "*Orate pro anima Ricardi Bruton parentumque eius et omnium animarum pro quibus tenetur.*" My other vestments not bequeathed except "*furratas*" and other new vestments to be converted to pious uses, I will that they be distributed to the poor in this town of Wells and Bruton *et de quolibet Materas de meis fiant ij sic de aliis Blankkettes Keuerlytes et aliis omnibus ut quicumque modicum accipiat et sic distribuantur pauperibus, et neccessaria vestimentorum meorum qui usibus pauperum non decent, vendantur bene et fideliter et de precio eorundem emantur panni et distribuantur inter dictos pauperes, quia pecunia decito consumitur. Et volo quod quolibet die Mercurii per tres annos distribuantur Welt maxima pauperibus indigentibus xxxd. Et quolibet die dominica pauperibus jacentibus apud domum Hospitalis sancti Johannis Welt iij<sup>d</sup>. Et quolibet die Veneris jacentibus apud Bruton maximis infirmis et indigentibus xij<sup>d</sup>. per triennium ut supra.*

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Martyn xx<sup>s</sup>.

To John Bokyngton xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>.

To Master Roger, Master of Bruton xx<sup>s</sup>.

To the chaplain of the parish of Bruton vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>.

Item, I bequeath to my executors all lands and tenements, which I purchased in the town of Bristol and the suburb of the same to sell after my death, and dispose of them or mortgage them for providing a chaplain to celebrate for the health of my soul and my parents' [souls] in the parish church of Bruton.

Item, I bequeath to my executors all lands and tenements &c.; which I purchased of Thomas Wyke in Langport and Estcoker, on condition that they be sold after my death and distributed to the poor for the health of my soul.

The residue of my goods to be distributed for my soul by my executors.

I make my executors Sir Robert Burgh, Hugh Kene,



William Poulet, and Master John Sudbury ; and their supervisor, Master Reginald Kentwode.

Dated at London the penultimate day of October, A.D. 1417. Witnesses. John Hereford, John Wyghton, priests, and Master John Bodman, notary public, William Offord, and Thomas Vyrly.

*Codicil.*

Penultimate day of October, I, Richard Bruton, Chancellor of the church of Wells, bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Bruton in the chancel, and I will that my body be brought or carried as soon as possible after my decease from London to the said parish church of Bruton. "*Et volo quod ordinetur unus lapis de Marbill ad superponendum super corpus meum cum ymagine sacerdotis superius sculpto.*"

I will that my executors appoint for the high altar of the said church of Bruton "*unum doceř et Frontell unius secte et ij Curteys et etiam unum aliud docer et frontell cum duobus Curteys bene et competentibus steynatis alterius secte et duos pannos pro lecterno predicti Cancelli et duos pannos pro Cruce ad processionem et quatuor pannos pro Choro dicti Cancelli viz. duos pannos competentes steynatos de miraculis beate Marie et alios duos de miraculis beate Marie Magdalene competentes in longitudine et latitudine.*"

I will that my executors cause all the glass windows to be mended and repaired and keep them so mended as long as they conveniently can.

Item, I will that there be ordained by my executors from my rent in Bristol and Lamport for one chaplain to celebrate for ever in the church of Bruton at the altar of All Saints by the good advice of my most loving master the Prior of Bruton and I will that the residue of the said rents shall aid for other priests celebrating in the church of Wells according to the form of my testament.

Item, I will that there be placed in the hands of the "*Comunarius*" of the church of Wells xli. to be distributed to the canons, vicars and other chaplains present on the day of my anniversary at "*Placebo*" and "*Dirige*" ijd. and at the mass ijd. every year as long as the said sum shall last.

I will that my land of Gyldenesassh wherein Hugh Kene and Richard Clous are enfeoffed be sold and distributed by my executors amongst the poor.

I will that my part of the reversion of the lands I bought jointly with William Gascoygne be sold and distributed amongst the poor.

I will that an image of the Blessed Mary Magdalen be made of wood the length and width of the image of the Blessed Katherine standing in the chancel of the church of Bruton and placed next the image of the said Katherine.

I bequeath to the church of Bruton a "banner" with the image of the Trinity well and suitably adorned with gold with silk cloth well gilt.

To Richard Clous who shall advise my executors, cs. and my best bed (*lectum*) being at Wells, and two brass pots and j "possenet" and two pans (*patellas*) and j "doseyn" of "garnessed vessels" standing in the parlour of my dwelling-house (*hospicii*) at Wellys.

Item, I bequeath to Robert my servant (*famulo*) xls. and one brass pot and a pan (*patellam*) and half a "doseyn" of "Pewtre vessels."

To Hugh Oluñ my cook xs.

To Master John Oluñ my cook xs.

To the parish church of Mynhed to mend their glass windows 10s.

I will that there be restored to the priory of Bruton "*Paulus super Clementinis*" which is amongst the books in my dwelling-house (*hospicio*) at Wellys.

Item, let there be delivered to the Monastery of Mochelney "*j digestum vetus*" and "*j digestum Neff*" and 20s.

26s. 8d. to be distributed amongst the poor for the soul of Master Thomas Weston.

I will that there be restored to the house of St John of Lechelade "*unus textus Sexti et Clementinorum*."

Let "*unus casus Bernardi*"<sup>1</sup> be restored to John Alampton, vicar of Wells, a book "*de Cronicis*" and a book of contem-

<sup>1</sup> Bernardus Guidonis, Epūs Lodovensis (*i.e.*, Lodève in Languedoc) "Casus qui in celebratione missæ accidere possunt, qualiter ipsi occurrendum sit, ex dictis Thomæ Aquin. *Fabricius*, 1754, I, 220.

plations and devotions to the executors of Ralph Ergum if they are living, otherwise to the church of Wells.

To John West, of Pokelchurche, 100s. if he is alive, otherwise to his wife and children.

8 marks to celebrate for the souls of Thomas Salomon, John Uppe, Thomas atte Zo, John Whithag, and John Horyknolle.

50s. to be distributed amongst the poor for the souls of John Tuttebury and John Cokhull.

Item, I bequeath 40s. to be distributed amongst the poor for the souls of John Burgh and Agnes, his wife, of Wellys.

4s. to be restored to Walter Smyth, of Bruton.

Item, to John Gane of Petecombe 10s.

Item, I will that there be remitted to John Schet of Lydezerd Somari 100s. of the debts which he owes me.

To the prior and convent of Dunster 26s. 8d.

Item, I will that two stones (*petre*) of Coscombe be bought for the tombs (*tumbis*) of my father and my mother, and that they be well walled (*murentur*) on all sides.

To Custance Skynner of Wellys 26s. 8d.

To be distributed amongst the poor for the soul of Custance Lyndraper of Bruton 13s. 4d.

Item, I will that as long as mass shall be celebrated in the church of Wells at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen, that always on the night of the said Blessed Mary a procession be made to the altar (*fiat processio ad altare*) and that each person being present at the procession shall have one penny.

To Sir Richard formerly chaplain of my late church of Hyham 50s. and if more be due to him I will that payment be made by my executors.

To Sir John Hampton, if he is alive, 40s. and if he is dead, I will that the said sum be distributed to the poor.

For the souls of Sir Richard Seymour and Emma, his wife, 40s. to be distributed to the poor.

To Sir William Purs, chaplain, 40s.

Item, I will that one poor and indigent priest (*sacerdos*) be appointed to say matins (*matutinas*) and vespers "*de die et de sancta Maria*" for three years, if it can be done, for the remission of my sins.



Item, I bequeath to Sir John Axmynstre, vicar of Wells, 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Robert de Lechelade, called "Longe Sir Robert" 6s. 8d. if he is alive. If he is dead let it be distributed amongst the poor.

Item, I bequeath to William Olym living at Celmescote, now at Bewlu with a monk there, his brother, who was once my father's servant 26s. 8d. and let this money be carried to him by one called Walbrand de Pridie.

Item, I bequeath to the repairing of the chancel of Burwardescote, the books and other ornaments of the same chancel 13s. 4d.

I bequeath 40s. for the souls of Thomas Gateway and Joan, his wife, to be distributed amongst the poor.

To the vicar of St. Cuthbert of Wells 13s. 4d.

To Sir Thomas Martyn, vicar of Wells, 20s.

To John Bekenton, my vicar in the church of Wells 13s. 4d.

To Sir John Axbrughe to pray for my soul 20s.

To Richard Goldsmyth, of Wells, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to be distributed for the souls of Sir Matthew Scot and Sir John Benet formerly vicars of Mynhed 40s.

To the abbot of Athelney 40s.

26s. 8d. to be distributed amongst the poor for the soul of John Barowe formerly my father's servant (*servientis*).

Item, I will that one chaplain celebrating in the church of Wells for my soul shall also celebrate for the soul of Walter Seymour of Bristol for three years.

To the vicar of Banewell 40s. to pray for my soul and the souls of all the faithful deceased.

6s. 8d. to be distributed amongst the poor for the souls of Adam Goioñ and his wife.

Item, for the souls of John Frouelt, fisherman, late of Inglesham, and Richard atte Mylle, and their wives 40s. to be distributed amongst the poor in those parts.

To the abbot of Glastoñ 3s. 4d.

Item, I will that in the vill of Hyworth and in the neighbouring vills around there be distributed for the souls of all the

faithful deceased and for the souls of those to whom I am bound 40s. amongst the poor there.

To the prior and convent of Taunton 100s.

Item, to the same prior and convent "*ad refeccionem domus refectorii eorundem*" and to pray for me 50s.

Item, I bequeath "*ad emendacionem ornamentorum in Thesauraria ecclesie cathedralis beate Andree Wellensis*" 13s. 4d.

To the fabric of the said church of Wells 20s. and those four "*ligna*" lying in my hall at Wells.

To Master Reginald Kentwode one piece (*peciam*) of silver "*cum coopertorio deaurato*" being in my chest at London in the custody of Sir John Stokys.

To Sir Thomas Schelford, clerk, one white piece of silver with a covering.

I will that there be remitted to John Love, of Kyngesbury 10 marks of the 20 marks which he owes me.

I will that there be remitted to John Reynold, of Mochelney, of the debt which he owes me 26s. 8d.

I bequeath to Thomas Brent, the elder, of Kyngesbury, 26s. 8d.

To the abbot and convent of Kaynesham 26s. 8d.

For repairing the bridge of Ivelchestre 40s.

I bequeath to the son of one Walter formerly my servant living in the town of Sarum 26s. 8d.

6s. 8d. for the soul of the said Walter to be distributed amongst the poor of Wells.

To Henry Schepherd of Mynhed, formerly my servant 3s. 4d. and to his wife 3s. 4d. if they are alive.

To Ralph Mery of Dunster 40s. if he is alive, otherwise I bequeath the said sum to his wife and children.

Item, I will that 5 marks be paid to the rector of Trowbrygge if he will receive them.

To one Sir Thomas Raly (*consanguineus*) of Thomas Tanner now promoted in Devon, 10 marks.

This will and codicil were proved the 7th day of December in the year abovesaid. The executors sworn &c.

[Richard Bruton was Vicar of Minehead, 1401; Rector of High Ham, 1406; Chancellor of Wells Cathedral, 1407-15; Prebendary of Ashill, 1407-16. His preferments outside Somerset will be found in *Downside Review*, in

which his will has been printed with notes by the present editor. Testator's property in Somerset is thus described in a Subsidy Roll, 1411-12 (*Bath F. C. Proc.*, vol. ix, No. 3):—

“Ricus Bruton Canonicus Ecclesiæ cathed. S. Andr. Wellen. cert. ter. et ten. in Milton juxta Welles et Langport ac alibi . . . xxvj*li.*, xiijs., iiij*d.*”]

### 1417. WILLIAM HYWORTH.

[41 MARCHE. FO. 321.]

3rd November, A.D. 1417. I, William Hyworth, rector of the church of Blakedon [Blagdon] bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the chancel of the church aforesaid before the image of St. Andrew.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Hyworth 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath fifty trentals to celebrate for my soul.

To Thomas, my brother, “*j superpellicium unam zonam corei argentatam cum basalarado unam Maser' j togam furratam cum Grey cum capucio rubeo unum coopertorium blodium embrowded cum suo testr' et aliud coopertorium crocei coloris et nigri cum suo testr' et j quylt album*” which I have of the goods of my aunt (*amete*) Matilda de Hyworth.

To Agnes, my sister, 40*s.* and her twelve spoons in a “kas” closed.

To Richard Diket “*cognato meo*” 6*s.* 8*d.* and j gown (*togam*) of red mixture and two silver spoons (*de antiquis*).

Item, I bequeath 6 pounds of wax to make ten tapers (*cereos*) “*tempore divinatorum*” on the chief feasts “*coram sacramento Eukaristie*” and the images of St. Andrew and St. John the Baptist on both sides of the chancel of the church of Blakedon.

Item, 5*s.* for a torch (*torticio*) burning at the time of the elevation of the sacrament “*in Missa*” on feast days in the church of Blakedon.

5*s.* to the church of Hyworth for the like.

To Master Thomas Frome, canon of the church of Wells, 20*s.*

To John Fontell, rector of Norton 6*s.* 8*d.*



40s. amongst the poor on the day of my burial.

To the Brethren of each order of friars in Bristol between those who are priests and the others who are not priests 40s.

To the nuns of Berewe [Barrow] 6s. 8d.

To the Canons of Wrospryng 6s. 8d.

I bequeath a suitable salary for two honest priests, one of whom shall celebrate for a year at Blakedon and the other at Hyworth for my soul and the souls of my father and mother, James de Awdeleye, Matilda, my aunt, for my parents, parishioners, benefactors, and all the faithful living and deceased.

The residue of my goods I give to Thomas, my brother, and I make the same Thomas executor. I appoint Master Thomas Frome, Canon of Wells, and John Fontell supervisors.

Proved 21st March, A.D. 1417. Administration committed to Thomas Hyworth, executor named.

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### 1417. LUCY STERK.

[40 MARCHE. FO. 316.]

A.D. 1417, January 14th. I, Lucy Sterk [of Frome, *margin*] of the diocese of Bath and Wells, bequeath 40s. to be distributed to the poor on the day of my burial.

To Thomas my servant, 6s. 8d.

To Agnes, my female servant (*famula*) one green gown.

To Edith my *famula* 6s. 8d. for her maintenance.

The residue I give to Walter Crich and John Burdon, chaplain of the parish of Frome, whom I make executors.

Proved 19th January A.D. abovesaid.

[Marginal note.]

"Void, because after the exhibition of the will she was declared intestate."

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## 1417. NICHOLAS STEUR.

[54 MARCHE. FO. 430.]

On the Feast of St. Valentine the Martyr, A.D. 1417, I, Nicholas Steur, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to holy burial, but I do not determine upon the place (*determino in locum*) because I am on a journey (*in transitu*) outside the kingdom.

Item, I bequeath to the great Commons (*magnum communionem*) of canons of the church of Wells, for my negligence in money due to them in neglect of tithes (*in denariis eis debitis in vacacionibus decimarum*) of the said diocese 20s.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church 40d.

Item, to my church of Sperkford, one saltcellar (*salarium*) of silver for the use of the new chalice (*ad opus novi calicis*) to be made there, and the red cloths (*pannos rubeos*) which I have ordained for the great altar there, and one torch (*torticium*) which is in the house of John Horn, of Welle, and a little torch (*torticellum*) which is in my house.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Steur and Agnes his wife, my parents, 10 marks.

Item, to Brother Peter Obryht, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to my chapel of Maperton one napkin (*mappam*) with towel (*manutergio*).

Item, to John Pers, one ox.

To John Gylman, 5s. which I consider I owe him.

Item, I will that Sir Walter Turpyn, my executor, shall pay Brother Richard Steuens 40s., which I received of the chaplain of Hunspile in part payment of 60s. due to the said Brother.

Item, I bequeath to Sir Walter Ward, 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Walter Turpyn, 40 of my best sheep, or 6 marks.

Item, to John Sexteyn of Welles one coat (*jupam*) of the livery of the Prior of Bath.

Item, to William, my servant (*famulo*), one other green gown (*togam*), lined (*duplicatam*).

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Sir Walter Turpyn.

Given at Sperkford, &c.

Proved 28th July, 1422, and administration granted to the executor named.

### 1417. JOHN PERSON.

[37 MARCHE. FO. 294.]

8th March, A.D. 1417. I, John Person, of the parish of Merston Bygott, diocese of Bath and Wells, bequeath my body to sacred burial in my parish church.

Item, to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 20s.

Item, to the sustentation of all the lights (*luminum*) in the church of Merston aforesaid 3s. 4d.

To the rector of Merston aforesaid for tithes forgotten 20s.

To Stephen, my brother, 40s.

The residue of all my goods to be distributed to the poor of Christ by my executors with the advice and supervision of Sir Thomas Merston, chaplain, for the health of my soul.

Proved 13th May, A.D. 1417.

### 1419. WILLIAM BENY.

[47 MARCHE. FO. 374.]

April 28th, A.D. 1419. I, William Beny, make my will as follows:—

First I bequeath my soul to God and my body to holy burial (*ecclesiastice sepulture*).

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of Clyfdon [Clevedon] 2s. 6d.

To the chaplain of Huydhall, 2s. 6d.

Item, to the four orders of Mendicants of the town of Bristol, 10s.

Item, I bequeath to Emmota, my daughter, 40s. and six silver spoons.

Item, to William, son of John Gybbis, a silver bowl (*craterā*).

Item, to Agnes my daughter, two pans (*patett*) and seven small brass basins (*oliot*).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Probably a diminutive of *olla*, or it might mean an oil-cruet.



Item, to Edith Hanyys one blue cloak (*aramlaus'*, *sic* MS., a mistake for *armalausam*).

The residue of my goods, after the payment of my debts and deduction of my funeral expenses, I give to my son John, whom I ordain my executor, to dispose for the good of my soul and the souls of my ancestors, as he will answer therein before the Supreme Judge; and I desire John Gybbys of Clyfdon to be his overseer and coadjutor, in whom I have full and perfect confidence.

Proved 13th March, 1419-20, and administration granted to the executor named.

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### 1419. HENRY DUNKERTON.

[47 MARCHE. FO. 372.]

The 6th day of July, A.D. 1419. I, Henry Dunkerton, of Frome, &c.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 3s. 4d.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Frome 100s.

To Sir Adam, perpetual vicar of Frome, for my tithes forgotten 10*li*.

Item, I bequeath 20*li*. to buy a suit of vestments for the church of Frome.

To each Chaplain of the same church being present at my exequies on the day of my obit 26s. 8d.

To every poor person lying down (*decubanti*) in the vill of Frome 3s. 4d.

To the poor blind and beggars (*mendicantibus*) in Frome to each of them 12d.

To the deacon (*diacono*) of Frome 1*d*.

The residue of my goods I give to Katherine, my wife.

I make James Cras and Katherine my wife, my executors.

Proved before Master John Estcourt, Commissary &c. at Bristol, 12th September, A.D. 1419. Administration granted to Katherine, &c.

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**1420. JOHN LAMBROKE.**

[50 MARCHE. FO. 399.]

On Saturday next before the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, A.D. 1420. I, John Lambroke, bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the parish church of St. Michael of Mylverton.

Item, to the vicar of Burlescombe 17s. 4d. to celebrate masses for my soul, viz., in every week for one entire year four masses.

Item, to John Cotebold a gown (*togam*).

The residue I give to Elinor, my wife.

I make the said Elinor, Thomas Mylys, and William Stonway, my executors.

Proved 20th December, A.D. abovesaid. Administration committed to Elinor, the executrix, &c.

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**1420. JOHN NEDE.**

[48 MARCHE. FO. 379.]

I, John Nede, on the day of St. John the Baptist, A.D. 1420, bequeath my body to sacred burial in the churchyard of Bekyngton.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells 40d.

To my father one best gown (*unam jupam meliorem*).

To Stephen Malle a gown (*jupam*).

40s. to be distributed amongst the poor to pray for my soul.

The residue I give to Edith, my sister.

I make my executors the aforesaid Edith and Elias Gyseby.

Proved 3rd July in the year above. Administration committed to Elias Gyseby.

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## 1420. WILLIAM BARTELOT.

[52. MARCHE. FO. 410.]

A.D. 1420. 8 Henry V. I, William Bartelot.

My body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Popelowe [Publow].

To the same church 100s.

To the parish church of Kyngeston Saymour 40s.

To the parish church of Weston in Gordano 40s.

To John, my son, 10 marks.

To Edith, my daughter, 20 marks.

To Agnes, my daughter, 20*li*.

To Walter, my brother, 10 marks.

To the four orders of Friars in Bristol, to each order 20s.

To the child in the womb of Agnes, my wife, 20*li*.

To Nicholas, my apprentice, 20s.

To John, my apprentice, 20s.

To Walter, my apprentice, 20s.

Residue to Agnes, my wife, Walter Mylton, and Nicholas Dewe, my executors, to be divided equally between them to dispose thereof for my soul.

Proved 13th January in the year abovesaid. Administration to the said executors.

## 1421. SIR ROBERT ALLERE.

[54 MARCHE. FO. 427.]

1421. Friday after the Feast [May 31] of St. Petronilla the Virgin.

I, Sir Robert Allere, vicar of Lange Asshton, make my will in this manner. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and the B.V.M., and my body to be buried in the chancel of the church there.

I bequeath to Agnes Grene a girdle (*zonam*) of silver, six silver spoons, one bed (*unum lectum*) and twelve sheep (*bidentes*).



Item, to the fabric of the church of Asshton one breviary (*unū librū portiphariū*) to pray for my soul.

Item, for my burial, 13s. 4d.

The residue of all my goods not before bequeathed, after my debts are paid, I give to Gervase Stephens; and I ordain German Stephens and Thomas Pole my executors, to see this my will well and faithfully carried out, and to each of them I give 40d. for their pains.

Proved 25th June, 1422, and administration granted to the executors named.

### 1421. WILLIAM WODFORD.

[6 LUFFENAM. FO. 42.]

23rd May, A.D. 1421, I, William Wodford of Rode, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Lawrence of Rode.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells 3s. 4d.

Item, to the church of Rode, 3s. 4d.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I bequeath to Thomas Wodford and Robergea Marlys, whom I make my executors.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal.

Proved 26th May, 1426, and administration committed to the executors named.

### 1421. EDMUND DE SAINT MAUR, KNT.

[54 MARCHE. FO. 426.]

On the day [August 10] of St. Laurence, A.D. 1421, I, Edmund de Saint Maur, knight, lord of St. Bridget, in Lower Gwent,<sup>1</sup> (*Infer<sup>d</sup> Went<sup>d</sup>*) and of Chelvey in the county of Somerset, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. Bridget of Chelvey, if I chance to die in England; and if I chance to

<sup>1</sup> A province in South Wales between the Usk and the Wye.

die in Wales, I will that my body shall be buried in the church of St. Bridget in Lower Gwent (*Infer<sup>d</sup> Went<sup>d</sup>*).

Item, I will that all my debts shall be paid before any execution be made of my goods.

Item, I bequeath to the Augustinian Friars of Bristol 10s. to be distributed amongst them one by one (*singulariter*) to celebrate for my soul in honour of the four evangelists.

Item, I bequeath to the Friars Preachers of Bristol 6s. 8d., to be distributed among them one by one, to celebrate for my soul in honour of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Item, to the Friars Minors there, 10s. as above, to celebrate in honour of all the apostles and saints of God.

Item, to the Friars Carmelites of Bristol 20s. as above, to wit, one half (*mediam partem*) in honour of all the martyrs, and the other half (*mediam aliam*) in honour of all the confessors of God.

Item, to the Friars Minors there, 10s. as above, to celebrate for my soul in honour of the blessed Michael and Gabriel, archangels.

Item, to the Friars Carmelites, 5s. as above, to celebrate in honour of St. Mary Magdalene, and all the virgins and all the angels of God.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the chapel of the blessed Mary of St. Bridget in Lower Gwent (*Infer<sup>d</sup> Went<sup>d</sup>*) 100s.

Item, to Sir Robert FitzJames, rector of Blakwell [Backwell], 30s. to celebrate for my soul.

Item, to Sir Philip, rector of Brokley, 30s.

Item, I bequeath the residue of my goods to be distributed for my soul and the souls of my father and mother, and the soul of Joan my wife, and Margery my daughter, and the souls of all my other children (*aliorum filiorum meorum*), and for the soul of Richard my brother, at the disposition of my executors. And I ordain Sir Robert FitzJames, rector of Blacwelle, and Sir Philip Chesfylde, rector of Brocley, [and] John Adam [of] Lower Gwent (*Infer<sup>d</sup> Went<sup>d</sup>*) to well and faithfully do and perform all and singular these things.

Item, I bequeath to John Adams 30s.

Proved before Master John Estcourt, commissary, &c., 13th June, 1422, and administration committed to John Adam, &c., power reserved, &c.

## 1421. JOHN SMERT.

[54 MARCHE. FO. 430.]

A.D. 1421, in the month of September. I, John Smert, of Lydierd Episcopi, diocese of Bath and Wells.

My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Lydierd aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Blacche, vicar of the parish church of Lydierd aforesaid, for a trental (*tricennale*) for my soul 2s. 6d.

To the cathedral church of St. Andrew, of Wells, 4d.

Item, I bequeath to each godson of mine (*cuiilibet filio meo spiritali*) one fleece of sheep's wool (*unum vellus laneñ ouium*).

Item, to Florence, my natural daughter, one bed.

The residue amounting to the sum of 20 marks I give to Cristina, my wife. I make the said Cristina my executrix.

Proved before Master John Estcourt, commissary, &c., 18th July, A.D. 1422.

## 1422. RALPH CANON.

[54 MARCHE. FO. 426.]

Saturday next before the Feast of St. George the Martyr, A.D. 1422. I, Ralph Canon, Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew of Wells, make my will in this manner:—

First I bequeath my body to sacred burial (*sacre sepulture*).

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church, 3s. 4d.

Item, to Joan, my sister, the elder, 13s. 4d.

Item, to Joan, my sister, the younger, 13s. 4d.

Item, to Robert Carswell, son of the said Joan the younger, 20s.

The rest of my goods, not above bequeathed, I give and bequeath to my executors, to wit, Robert Burgh, perpetual vicar of the Cathedral Church aforesaid, and the said Robert Carswell.

Proved 17th June in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to Robert Carswell, with power reserved, &c., and on the 6th of October in the same year the said Robert Carswell was acquitted, and paid for a fine 20s.



## 1423. JOHN LUFFENAM.

[1 LUFFENAM. FO. 1.]

2nd April, A.D. 1423. I, John Luffenam, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Corryryvell, make my will in this manner :—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Andrew the Apostle of Corryryvell.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells 4*d*.

Item, to the church of Corryryvell one Book of Decrees (*unum librum decretalem*), with cover (*cum coopertorium* [*sic*]) and one cloth (*mappam*).

Item, to Gregory, chaplain of Wyke, one girdle banded (*stipatam*)<sup>1</sup> with silver, and one cloth.

Item, to Henry Messynger one horse of "baye" colour.

Item, to John Wylling one green gown.

Item, I give to Henry Messynger and John Wylling my tenement situated in Cokham in the county of Berks in the diocese of Sarum between the tenement of the Abbot of Cirencester on the east and the tenement of Richard Bullok on the west near to the Vicarage of Cokham and the King's way on the south, with all my deeds and evidences, &c., being in a coffer in the custody of Richard Poulton.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to Henry Messynger and John Wylling, whom I make my executors; and Stephen Gyffard my overseer.

Proved 19th June in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to Henry Messenger, with power reserved, &c.

## 1423. AGNES GRENE.

[2 LUFFENAM. FO. 12.]

In the name of God amen. 16th September, A.D. 1423, I, Agnes, wife of William Grene, esquire, make my will in this manner :—

First, I bequeath my soul to God, and my body to be buried

<sup>1</sup> Stipa, a metal bar, as on a belt.

in the church of the monastery of the Blessed apostles Peter and Paul of Muchelnye, before the altar of St. Christopher.

Item, I bequeath to the said altar of St. Christopher one round basin of silver (*peluim argenti rotundam*).

Item, to the fabric of the church of Curryryvell, 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Friars Minor of Bruggewater, my best gown furred (*penulatam*) with grey fur, and my best girdle harnessed (*harnesiata*) with silver and gilt.

Item, I bequeath to John Walssh, 20s.

Item, to John Grene, 10s.

Item, to Joan Cordewentes one green (*viridem*) gown furred (*penulatam*) with menyver, and one "kyrtell" of "scarlet" and one hood (*capucium*) of "sangweyn," and one pair of gloves of the best (*manicarum optimarum*).

Item, I bequeath to Henry, son of Joan Cordwentes, one blue (*blodiam*) gown furred (*penulatam*) with menyver.

Item, to Agnes, daughter of John Walsh, one gown of "plonket."

Item, I will that two of my gowns shall be sold, and the money thereof coming shall be given to the poorest here in the country (*hic in patria*) according to the disposition of my executors.

Item, I ordain William Grene, my husband, and John Spenser, fellow-monk (*commonachum*) of John Bruton, Abbot of Muchelnye, my executors, that they may dispose of the residue of my goods not bequeathed as shall seem best to them for the health of my soul.

Proved 3rd November in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executors named.

### 1423. RICHARD KAYLL.

[2 LUFFENAM. FO. 10.]

8th October, A.D. 1423. I, Richard Kayll, of the parish of Wynsford, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wynsford.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of Wynsford one steer (*boviculum*) for my tithes forgotten.

Item, to each ——— (*blank*)<sup>1</sup> of the said church, one sheep.

Item, to the vicar of Wynsford, 5s., to celebrate for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to the prior and convent of Barlich 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Friars Minor of Briggewater, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the poor, 20 bushels of rye (*siliginis*), to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to Richard, my servant, one brass pot (*ollam*).

Item, to the vicar of Morpath 12d.

Item, to each priest being at my obsequies and at the mass, 12d.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to Agnes, my wife, and William, my son, and I make them my executors.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents.

Proved 6th October, A.D. 1424, and administration committed to the executors.

### 1423. HENRY RUSSELL.

[1 LUFFENAM. FO. 5.]

28th October, A.D. 1423. I, Henry Russell, otherwise called Henry Nicholas of Frome, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Frome aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Cathedral Church of Wells, 13d.

Item, to Master William Brette (*Brett*<sup>p</sup>), perpetual vicar of Frome, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to Sir Thomas, parish chaplain there, 6s. 8d.

Item, to each chaplain of Frome aforesaid present at my obsequies, 12d.

Item, to the deacon of Frome, 12d.

<sup>1</sup> Probably the word wanting is "*lumini*."



Item, to the clerk of Wodelonde, 8*d*.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of Wytham, 20*s*.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of Stauerdell, 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to Alice Harberd of Exeter one piece of silver and six silver spoons.

Item, to Peter Zonge of Exeter, one silver girdle (*zonam*).

Item, to James Craas, 40*s*.

To John Ostelere, 40*s*.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to James Craas and John Ostelere, that they may ordain and dispose for the health of my soul and of the souls of my friends as shall seem best to them ; and I ordain them my executors.

Proved 12th December in the year of our Lord abovesaid, and administration was committed to the executors.

## 1423. THOMAS PLUSSHE.

[3 LUFFENAM. FO. 17.]

25th November, A.D. 1423. I, Thomas Plusshe, rector of the parish church of Bekyngtone, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my soul to God, and my body to be buried in the parish church there.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church there 40*s*.

Item, I bequeath to glazing the windows (*fenestris vitreandis*) 40*s*.

Item, I bequeath 50*li*. to the priests (*sacerdotibus*) celebrating for my soul there for five years next to come.

Item, I bequeath 40*li*. to be distributed amongst my kinsfolk (*consanguineis*) and other poor people within my parish to pray for the souls of all the faithful deceased.

Item, to Sir William, chaplain there, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Sir Robert, chaplain there, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To John, clerk there, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells, 20*d*.

Item, to each of my godchildren, 13*d*.

Item, to John Plusshe, my brother, 20*s*.

To John his son, 20s.

To Thomas Plusshe, rector of Babbecary, 40s.

To John Asshwelle, 60s.

And I make these my executors:—Sir Thomas Plusshe,<sup>1</sup> rector of Babbecary, John Plusshe my brother, John Gauter senior (*Gaut<sup>p</sup>*), and John Asshwelle, with the oversight (*super-visione*) of lady Isabella Erleghe, lady of Bekyngtone, to dispose of the residue of my goods for my soul, as shall please the said lady Isabella.

Proved 18th January in the year abovesaid, before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to the executors named.

## 1425. JOHN SPARKES.

[12 LUFFENAM. FO. 91.]

On Saturday next before the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James, A.D. 1425, I, John Sparkes (*Sparkē*), rector of the parish church of Horsyngton, make my will in this manner:—

I will that my funeral expenses shall be ordered (*moderantur*) at the disposition of my executor.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells 2s.

Item, to the church and chancel of Horsyngton, for altar cloths (*pro vestibus altaris*), 20s.

Item, I bequeath to John Romsy, chaplain, 20s.

Item, to John Spenser, my servant, 20s.

Item, to John Jakeman, my servant, 10s.

Item, to John Haym, 6s. 8d.

Item, to John Hoppe, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to Alice, my sister, 20s.

To William, my sister's son, 20s.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my executor, to dispose and ordain for my soul in the best manner he knows; and I make Nicholas, my chaplain,

<sup>1</sup> He succeeded testator as Rector of Beckington on December 19, 1423. *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 22.

executor of this my will, and constitute John Romsy chaplain, and John Spenser, my overseers.

Proved 1st June, 1429, before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to the executor.

[1403. November 30. John Spark instituted rector of Horsington. *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 106.]

### 1425. ROBERT GREY.

[4 LUFFENAM. FO. 30.]

In the name of God amen, 9th June, 1425. I, Robert Grey beside Baldok in the shire of Hertford, make my present testament in this form.

First, I betake my sowle to God, and my body to be beryed where God wyll dispose for me.

Item, I bequethe 45 marcs sterlyng to fynde a covenable preest to synge for my soule, and for the soules of my fader and moder be 5 yeer next after my deth in the chirche of Haselbere in the shire of Somersete, in the ile of seint Wilfryde in the sayd chirch.

Item, I bequethe to make and amende the auter of the seid ile, and to a vestment for a preest, and a chalice to serve atte the seid awter, 10 markes.

[The will is written at London, and the other bequests are entirely unconnected with Somerset.]

Proved 4th December in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to John Bowlle; Margery, the relict, expressly renouncing, &c.

### 1425. ROGER WALSSHE, GENTLEMAN.

[4 LUFFENAM. FO. 32.]

On Sunday, the Feast [November 11th] of St. Martin in the Winter, A.D. 1425, I, Roger Walshe of Hotton [Hutton] in the co. of Somerset, gentleman, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the



Blessed Mary in the parish church of Hotton, where I am a parishioner.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Gebon, chaplain, to celebrate for my soul for one whole year after my decease, 10 marks of silver.

Item, to Alice Crede, four oxen and four cows.

Item, to John Gente, 40s.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give to my executors, to pay my debts and to ordain for the burial of my body, and to dispose as shall seem best to them to please God and to profit the health of my soul. And I make the aforesaid Robert Gebon, chaplain, and John Giles, executors of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal. Given at Hoton.

Proved 26th November in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to Robert Gebon, with power reserved, &c.

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## 1425. NICHOLAS KEMP.

[5 LUFFENAM. FO. 35.]

24th January, A.D. 1425. I, Nicholas Kemp, chaplain of Merk, whole of mind though sick in body, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my soul to God my Saviour, and my body to be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Mary of Merk.

Item, I bequeath to each priest present at my obsequies, and at the mass one trental (*unum Tricennale*), and to each clerk 4*d*.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Merk, 20s.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Wedmore, 20s.

Item, to each indigent poor person present at my obsequies and the mass aforesaid, 2*d*.

Item, I bequeath to John Rogge, of the parish of Merk, one hand-mill (*molendinum manuale*), my second best gown and 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to Thomas Redehed, my servant, 6s. 8d.

Item, to John Kempe, my brother, and to Joan, his wife, and to Robert, their son, to each of them 6s. 8d.

Item, to each of the houses of Friars Mendicant of Bristol, 6s. 8d., and to the Friars Minor of Briggewater 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to William Baggeley, of Wedmore, 6s. 8d.

To John Cole of Assheton 3s. 4d.

Item, to each of my godsons, 20d.

To each of my goddaughters 3s. 4d.

Item, to the causeway (*calceto*) between Merk and Blakeford, 6s. 8d.

Item, to making the highway in the borough of Wedmore, 3s. 4d.

Item, to mending the way between the church of Merk and the "*pounde*," 3s. 4d.

The residue of my goods I give and bequeath to John Thomas and John Kemp, my brother, whom I make my executors by these presents, that they may arrange and dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem best to them to do.

Proved 24th March in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to John Kemp, with power reserved, &c.

## 1426. JOHN CREDY, ESQUIRE.

[6 LUFFENAM. FO. 46.]

In ther name of God so be hit, the 4th day of Juyn, A.D. 1426. I, John Credy, squyer, make my testament in the manner suyng.

First, I bequethe my body to be beried in the chirche of seynt John Zacarie where my children be beried.

[Here follows the settlement of lands, &c., in London, Surrey, Middlesex and Devonshire on the testator's wife, on his brothers Richard and John; on William Adam, his brother's son, and "Thomas Adam Credy sone," brother of the said William; and others.]

Also I will that Richard Burdon and Denys his wife have (*inter alia*) my part of the manor of Thorn Coffyn in Somerset,

with the "*vourson*" of the churche the terme of both here lifes and after the decesse of hem that hit turne to John here sone and to his heires males, and if it so bee that he die withoute issue male I will that Richard his brother have hit in fee euer more.

Also I will that John my neuw, John my brother sone haue whenne it falleth my part of place in Euerchurch [Evercreech] in Somerset, to him and his heires for euermore.

Also I will that my part of the manor of Staunton in Somerset been solde by my executours, and that Alison Burdon haue therof 40 marcs to her mariage.

[The remaining bequests apply to London and elsewhere, and to personalty only.]

I make myn executours William Frye of Deuenshire, my wife, John Carpinter, common clerk, and John Spore, ferroure.

Proved 8th June in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to Joan, relict of the deceased, and to John Spore, with power reserved, &c.

[In 1412 John Credy presented to Thorn Coffin. *Somerset Incumbents*, 198. This will is printed in full in *Fifty Earliest English Wills* (E.E.T.S., No. 78), with notes by Dr. Furnivall.]

## 1426. JOHN OSBARN.

[6 LUFFENAM. FO. 41.]

I, John Osbarn,<sup>1</sup> clerk, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to holy (*sacrosancte*) burial.

Item, I bequeath to Joan, my mother, 40s. and one fourth part of my utensils (*harnesiorum*) being at Seynt Ewe.

To Joan, my sister, 13s. 4d. and another fourth part of my said utensils (*harnesiorum*).

Item, to John my brother, the elder, another fourth part of my said utensils.

Item, to John my brother, one fourth part of my said utensils, as they can be reasonably divided between them.

Item, to Henry my brother, 40s.

<sup>1</sup> Pencil note in the margin :—rector of St. Ewe, Cornwall, and prebendary of Ashill diocese of Bath.



Item, I bequeath 40s. to be divided among the poor parishioners at Asshull.

Item, I bequeath to John Hals, one covered silver cup (*unum ciphum argenteum coopertum*).

Item, to John Shelford, my clerk, another covered silver cup.

Item, to John Faukes my clerk, my breviary (*portiforium*).

Item, I bequeath all my books of earthly law (*de lege terrestri*) to Richard Hals my kinsman.

Item, to John Holond, my kinsman, one silver salt covered (*unum salarium argenteum*).

Item, to his wife, a certain gilt girdle (*zonam*) of mine.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the belfry (*campanit*) of the church of Asshehull, 40s.

Item, I bequeath to my brethren (*comensalibus*) here in London, one pipe of red wine of the worth of 6 marks.

Item, I will that the chaplain to celebrate for me shall celebrate at least three times in the week [the mass] of St. James ("*de sancto Jacobo*") and for the rest of the time, as much as he shall be able, of the Blessed Peter the Apostle.

Item, I bequeath to John Hertipoll a great pair of Cornish knives (*magnum par cultellorum de cornubia*).

And I make John Hals, my uncle, my executor, leaving to him the administration of all my goods not here specified, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem to him most expedient.

Given at London, 7th July, A.D. 1426.

Proved 18th July in the year abovesaid before Master John Lyndefeld, &c., and administration committed to the executor.

## 1426. THOMAS SHELFORDE.

[6 LUFFENAM. FO. 47.]

I, Thomas Shelforde, clerk of the Chancery, and canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew of Wells, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the north part of the

Cathedral Church of Wells . . . late bishop of Bath and Wells.<sup>1</sup>

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church 40s.

Item, I bequeath to find three chaplains [to say] masses in the said church at the nearest altar to my grave (*sepulture*) there, for my soul and the soul of the said Nicholas, late bishop of Bath and Wells, my lord and creator (*creatoris*), 200 marks, of whom I will that each chaplain shall take yearly 8 marks, so long as the sum of 200 marks shall last.

Item, I bequeath to be distributed among the poor parishioners of Kyngesby, 10*li*.

Item, to the poor parishioners of my prebend of St. Decuman of the same diocese, 10 marks.

Item, I bequeath to Marion, my sister, 10 marks.

To Agnes, my sister, my best covered cup of silver and gilt, with one "*serpentyn*" in the bottom (*in fundo*) of the said cup.

Item, to Helen of Trumpington, my kinswoman (*consanguinee*), 60s.

Item, to Clemencia, my kinswoman (*consanguinee*), 60s.

Item, to Joan, daughter of the said Marion, my sister, to marry her honestly, 40*li*.

Item, to Katherine, sister of the said Joan, to marry her in like manner, 40*li*.

Item, I bequeath to Richard Uppes, my servant (*servienti*), 10 marks.

To Richard Bokelande, my servant, 10 marks.

To John Cook, my servant, 4*li*.

To Robert Lang, my servant, 40s.

To John Parkar *alias* Forbour, 26s.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my executors, to ordain and dispose thereof as shall seem best to them according (*secundum*) to God, and their good and just consciences. And I make my executors Master John Shelforde, my brother, John Reynold, John Godeforde, canons of the said church, and Richard Hunnyng of Cambridge.

Proved 17th September, 1426, and administration committed to John Shelforde, executor, with power reserved, &c.

<sup>1</sup> Bp. Nich. Bubwith died in 1424: something is omitted here, probably the words "*near the tomb of Nich. Bubwith.*" Bishop Bubwith's will is preserved at Lambeth [Reg. Chichele, fo. 378<sup>b</sup>]. Testator was prebendary of Warminster 1408-10. *S.A.S. Proc.*, xlvii, ii, 202.

## 1426. JOHN TAILLOR.

[7 LUFFENAM. FO. 55.]

A.D. 1426, March 2nd. I, John Taillor, of Aysshe, parish-ioner of the parish church of Bokelonde [West Buckland], diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Bokelonde.

Item, I bequeath to poor priests (*presbiteris*) insufficiently versed in learning (*suam congruetatem minus bene scientibus*) who wish to study (*scolatizare*) at Oxford, 50*li.* to be distributed by my executors, to celebrate and pray for my soul, and the souls of Thomas, my father, and of John Canonbaker, of Exeter, late deceased.

Item, I bequeath 20 dozen (*duoden*) of woollen cloth commonly called "Russet," to be distributed to the poor before the day of my burial.

Item, to Alice Trymmer, my mother, 10*li.*

To John, my son, 40*li.*

Item, to William, my son, 40*li.*

Item, to Joan, my daughter, 40*li.*, if they live until their lawful age. If any or all of my children shall die before that age, the portion of such as die shall be disposed by my executors for our souls, and the souls of all the faithful deceased, as to my executors conjointly shall seem best.

Item, I bequeath to Alice, my wife, 100*li.*

Item, to the fabric or reparation of the way (*via*) by "Hamelonde," 40*s.*

Item, to the way by "Hawkeallere," 20*s.*

Item, to Sir John, chaplain of Bokelonde, for tithes forgotten, 4*li.*

Item, I bequeath 20*s.* to be distributed to priests (*presbiteris*) to celebrate and pray for my soul before my burial.

Item, to Sir Robert ——— (*blank*), 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to Thomas, my brother, 10 marks.

Item, I bequeath to John Persone, of Bradforde, 10 marks.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Thomas, my brother, rector of Cattelleghe,



diocese of Exeter, and to John Pensone,<sup>1</sup> my wife's father, that they may dispose for the health of my soul, as shall seem best to them, and I make them my executors.

Proved 24th March in the year abovesaid before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to Thomas Taillour, with power reserved, &c.

### 1427. ROBERT WALSSHE, ESQ.

[8 LUFFENAM. FO. 64.]

6th May, A.D. 1427. I, Robert Walsshe, esquire, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Langryge, opposite the high altar.

I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Llandaff 6s. 8d.

Item, to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Bath and Wells, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath 100s. to 100 priests to celebrate for my soul where they dwell (*conuersantes*) as soon as it may conveniently be done.

Item, I bequeath 100s. to be distributed amongst the poor.

Item, 100s. to be distributed amongst priests (*inter presbiteros*) immediately after my death.

Item, 100s. to ten chaplains of honest conversation, to wit, to each 10s., to pray for my soul.

Item, I will that sixty poor men and women shall be clothed with woollen cloth, each with two and a half yards of the worth of 2s. 6d.

Item, I bequeath 10*li.* to two chaplains to celebrate for my soul in the church of Langough (*sic*) continually for one year.

Item, I will that a distribution shall be made of 20*li.* amongst the poor, for my soul, as shall seem most expedient to my executors.

Item, I bequeath to the Rector of Landough 20s., for my tithes forgotten.

<sup>1</sup> N.B.—Persone above was corrected from Pensone.

Item, to the Rector of Langruge, 20s. for the same.

To the rector of Langan, 6s. 8d.

To the rector of Seintanthan [St. Athan, Glamorgan], 6s. 8d.

To the church of Landough, 40s.

Item, I bequeath to the bridge called Populbrugge, 6s. 8d.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I leave at the disposition of my executors that they, having God before their eyes, may dispose thereof for my soul, and the souls of my parents, and of all the faithful deceased; and I ordain these, Elizabeth my wife, Thomas Crickelade, esquire, Master John Penthlyne, Sir Thomas Standich, rector of Langeryge, and I will that each of my three last named executors shall receive 40s. for his labour.

Proved 18th May in the year abovesaid before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to Master John Penthlyne and Sir Thomas Standich executors, with power reserved, &c.

## 1427. JOHN DRAYCOTE.

[9 LUFFENAM. FO. 72.]

On the day [July 7th] of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, A.D. 1427. I, John Draycote, rector of the parish church of Compton Paunsefote make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my body to holy earth (*sacre terre*) to be buried in the churchyard of St. Lawrence of Holewall, before the high cross.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells, 2s.

Item, to the fabric (*sic*) of the blessed Mary of New Sarum, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the fraternity of St. Nicholas of the church of Holewale, 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to the Friars Minors of Dorchester, 12d.

Item, to every priest celebrating in the church where my body shall be buried, on the day of my burial, 4d.

Item, I bequeath to everyone coming "*in forma pauperis*" and seeking alms on the day of my burial *id.*

I make and constitute as my executors John Fawey, clerk, and John Fawey, draper.

And whatever residue there shall be of my goods I freely and without diminution give and bequeath to Henry Fowey and his wife, my sister; and I make John Faunteroy overseer of my will.

Proved 25th July, 1428, and administration committed to John Fowey, chaplain, with power reserved, &c.

[Testator was instituted to C. P. Oct. 12, 1423, he was formerly R. of Holwell. *Som. Incs.*, p. 72.]

## 1427. WILLIAM GRENE.

[8 LUFFENAM. FO. 57.]

I, William Grene, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the apostles Peter and Paul in the Abbey of Mochelney.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the parish church of Coryryvell, 4*li.* under this form (*sub hac forma*), to wit, that the wardens of the goods of the church there shall keep the obit of me and of Agnes, my wife, and of Elizabeth, late countess of Salisbury; and of Robert Sparri, formerly husband of the said Agnes, to wit, once in the year, to wit, to say obsequies (*exequias*) at night, and on the morrow to celebrate a mass of requiem for the souls aforesaid, with ringing (*pulsacione*) of bells as the custom is at night. Further I will that the said 4*li.* be disposed by the advice of the vicar now there and of Henry Messenger to the most advantage and profit of the said church of Coryryvell.

Item, I bequeath to the Prior of Mochelney 2s. 6d. to celebrate one trental for the souls aforesaid and to the said Prior, 6s. 8d.

Item, to William Payn monk (*commonacho*) there, to pray for the souls aforesaid, 10s.



Item, to William Drayton monk (*commonacho*) there, 6s. 8d. to pray for the souls aforesaid.

Item, to the abbot of Mochelney, 6s. 8d.; and to each of the monks of the said abbot, being priests, 40d. to pray for the souls aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of Swett, 10s. to pray for the souls aforesaid.

Item, to the vicar of Coryryvell, 6s. 8d. for the like.

Item, to the church of Swett, 13s. 4d., to pray and say obsequies and to hold an obit for the souls aforesaid, at the same time as (*simul cum obitu*) together with the obit of John Lorcý.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Drayton, 13s. 4d., to pray for the souls aforesaid.

Item, to the vicar of Lamport, to brother John Syfyrwast and to brother William Ilmynstre, to each of them 6s. 8d. to pray for the souls aforesaid.

Item, to sir Walter Ilmynstre, fellow-monk (*commonacho*) of the abbot of Foord, 13s. 4d., to pray for the souls aforesaid.

Item, to the two priests being at my obsequies at Burton, to each of them 4d.

Item, I bequeath to Joan, my servant, one green bed (*lectum*) of Worsted with testers (*testr<sup>o</sup>*) "embrawded" with women (*cum mulieribus*); also 40s., and one small chest painted (*depictam*) with the salutation of the Blessed Mary; also all the clothes (*velamina*) which belonged to Agnes, late my wife; and my white ambling horse (*album equum meum ambeler<sup>o</sup>*).

Item, I bequeath to John Mey, my servant, 26s. 8d. and the larger grey ambling horse (*greseum*).

Item, to William Newton, one "perpoint"<sup>1</sup> of linen cloth, one pair of "fustians," one bed of red and white colour of Worsted, new, with celer<sup>2</sup> (*celer<sup>o</sup>*) testers and three "curteyns."

To John Mey my servant one black gown furred with grey.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Carew, chevalier, one celer (*celer<sup>o</sup>*) of silk, of red and black colour with three "curteyns" of the same.

<sup>1</sup> Fr., pourpoint, a garment reaching to the waist.

<sup>2</sup> Fr., ciel de lit.

Item, to six poor persons named by the said William (*per ipsum Willielmum assign<sup>o</sup>*), being at my obsequies at Mochelney, and standing there at the mass on the day of my anniversary to each of them one gown with hood of russet, and 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the abbot and convent of Mochelney, one pair of vestments of worsted, white with red stripe (*alb cum rub Ray*), with one "pilwe" of silk and one chalice, under this form (*sub hac forma*) to wit, that each monk of the said house who shall celebrate for the souls of William Grene and Agnes, his wife, and of Robert Sparry at the altar of St. Elizabeth in the church of the said abbey shall use them there, to the honour of God, of the Blessed Virgin and St. Elizabeth forever.

Further, I give to John Walsh my black gown furred with "fychaus" [fitchets].

The residue of my goods I will shall be disposed for my soul at the discretion of my executors, and I ordain William Newton and Jean Cordewent my executors. In witness whereof I have to these presents affixed my seal, these being witnesses : John, vicar of the church of Sweli, John Perham, Hugh West and others.

Given on the day and year abovesaid (*sic*).

[N.B.—In this will above, *vult* has occurred once   stead of *volo*.]  
[There is no probate act.]

## 1428. AGNES LYTE.

[29 LUFFENAM. FO. 78.]

On Monday next before the Feast [August 31] of St. Cuthburga the Virgin, A.D. 1428. I, Agnes, who was wife of Edmund Lyte, of Litestam [Litescary] in the county of Somerset, make my will in this manner at Warham [Wareham] in the county of Dorset.

I bequeath my body to the earth, to be buried in my parish church of Warham.

[There are a number of legacies to the church, &c., of Wareham.]

Item, I bequeath to Agnes my daughter, wife of J. Lyte (*Agneti filie mee uxoris (sic) J. lyte*), one gown (*iupam*) of blue (*blodii*) colour with fur (*furrura*) thereupon, and one veil (*flameolum*) called "Crymelle."<sup>1</sup>

Item, I bequeath to Joan Ridleris of Ly aforesaid (*sic*) one gown of russet with fur thereupon, with a hood of blue colour.

Item, to Gregory Marleburgh, my brother, all the debt which he owes me.

Item, I bequeath for the expenses of my burial 20s.

Item, to Nicholas Hodde and Joan his wife, of the debt which they should give me, 6s. 8d.

Item, to John Watermon, 6d.

Item, to Isabel Holdyche, 4d.

Item, to Robert Wytte, 12d.

Item, to Nicholas, servant of Simon Talbot, one gown (*iupam*) of russet "sengle."

Item, to Agnes, servant of the said Simon, one green gown "sengle."

Item, to Joan, servant of John Wymond, one tunic (*tunicam*) of blue colour with fur thereupon.

Item, I give and bequeath to Simon Talbot and Joan his wife, my daughter, all the residue of my goods and chattels not above bequeathed, to pray for my soul; and I make them my executors.

Proved 23rd February, in the year abovesaid before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to Simon Talbot, executor, with power reserved, &c.

## 1428. WILLIAM CLYVE.

[10 LUFFENAM. FO. 77.]

In the name of God amen. 15th September, A.D. 1428. I, William Clyve, burgess and merchant of the town (*ville*) of Bristol, make my will in this manner:—

<sup>1</sup> Cremil, a word used in connexion with certain textile fabrics; often applied *attrib.* to their borders; meaning apparently open work or lace, or perhaps a fringe.—(N.E.D.)



*In the name of God Amen. I William Clyve, burges and merchant of the town (ville) of Bristol, make my will in this manner.*

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. Werburgh, Bristol.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the mother church of Worcester, 100s.

Item, to the fabric of the church of St. Leonard, Bristol, 20s.

Item, to the vicar of the said church, for my tithes and oblations withdrawn (*retractis*) and forgotten, 3*li.* 6s. 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath to sir John Herford, chaplain of the same church, 3s. 4*d.*

Item, to the parish clerk of St. Leonard, Bristol, 20*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Clyve, 20s.

Item, to each of the orders of Friars Mendicant of Bristol, 6s. 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath for distribution (*ad erogandum*) to indigent (*egenis*) poor where there shall be greatest need, 10*li.*, for my soul and the souls of my parents, &c., at the disposition of my executors without delay after my decease (*obitum*).

Item, I bequeath to find one suitable chaplain to celebrate masses in the church of St. Werburg aforesaid for two years next after my death, 10*li.*

Item, I bequeath to Lucy Stevenys, three measures (*mensuras*) of woad (*waid*).<sup>1</sup>

Item, to John Stevenys, son of the said Lucy, four measures of woad (*waid*) to his marriage, if he be of good government (*de bona gubernacione*).

Item, to Richard Marchall, my apprentice, when he shall have well and faithfully completed the term of his apprenticeship, four measures of woad (*waide*).

Item, I bequeath to Edmund my servant 20s. if he be of good behaviour (*gestura*) towards my executors.

Item, to Agnes my servant 20s. if she be of good behaviour (*gestura*) and honest government (*gubernacione*).

Item, I bequeath to Richard Panys and Christina his wife

<sup>1</sup> The Latin word for woad is *gaida*. A Bristol bequest in 1498 contains the words: "To my daughter a pipe of woad good and merchantable, of the real value of 20 marcs sterling, containing 16 measures, of Bristol measure, *secundum assaiam et probacionem consilis gaide in eadem villa antiquit usitat*." Wadley's *Bristol Wills*, p. 172.

four measures of woad (*waide*) which I owe them—for the restitution (*restitutione*) of twenty marks for the marriage of the said Christina.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to Agnes my wife, that she may ordain and dispose in the manner that shall seem best to her for the health of my soul ; and of this my will I make Agnes my wife, Richard Forster and Stephen Forster my executors ; and I will that Agnes my wife shall be principal executrix.

Proved 9th November in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to Richard Forster, with power reserved, &c.

### 1428. WALTER CRAAS.

[10 LUFFENAM. FO. 79.]

In the name of God amen. On Friday next after the Feast [December 13] of St. Lucy the Virgin, A.D. 1428. I, Walter Craas, of Frome Selwode in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner :—

First, I bequeath my soul to God Almighty, and my body to be buried in the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Frome aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church 6s. 8d.

Item, to the cathedral church of Wells, 2s. 6d.

Item, to each chaplain of the said church of Frome celebrating divine services, 2s. 6d.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas, my son, and to Edith, his wife, 10 marks.

Item, to each of their children (*cuilibet proli eorundem*), 20s.

Item, I bequeath to Master William, vicar of Frome, 20s.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to Julian, my wife, that she may dispose of the said goods for the health of my soul as shall seem most expedient to her ; and I make the said Julian, my wife, and Thomas, my son, my executors.

Proved 2nd January in the year abovesaid, and administration to Thomas Craas, with power reserved, &c.

## 1429. JOHN BRYGON.

[22 LUFFENAM. FO. 173.]

A.D. 1429, 4th May. I, John Brygon of Cowykstrete,<sup>1</sup> make my will in this manner.

I bequeath to the priests (*presbiteris*) dwelling at Canoun-lych 12*d.*

Item, to Sir John de Colomstoke, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to Sir William Ronyn, 12*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the Friars Minors of Exeter, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to the Friars Preachers there, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, I bequeath to John Spear, 13*s.* 4*d.*, and I will that my executors shall deliver to him of the aforesaid sum a certain portion (*portionem*) as shall be necessary (*prout necesse fuerit*).

Item, I bequeath for repairing the altar of St. Katherine in the church of St. Thomas 20*d.*

Item, to every boy (*puero*) raised (*levato*) by me from the holy font, 12*d.*

Item to the wardens (*custodibus*) of the church of Welington, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, I bequeath 50 yards (*virgas*) of white cloth (*panni albi*) *pro lodicibus pauperum*.

Item, I bequeath 12*d.* amongst the parishioners of Ide.

Item, to Richard Halle, formerly of the parish of Colmstoke, 2*s.*

Item, I bequeath and will that on the day of my burial all the poor shall have victuals sufficient for their dinner (*prandia*), and that each of them on leaving (*in recessu*) shall have of the value of  $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* (*de valore oboli*).

Item, I bequeath to John Brygon, son of my brother, a silver bowl (*crateram*) with a cover (*cum cooperto*) standing on a foot.

Item, to Richard Grey, an ox being in his custody, and I remit to him all the money he owes me.

Item, I bequeath to John son of my late servant (*Johme* (*sic*) *filio quondam mee servientis*) 20*s.*

Item, to John Brygon, son of my brother, 15*s.*

Item, to John Cole, 13*s.* 4*d.*, to maintain the administration of my goods (*pro sustinenda bonorum meorum administracione*).

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, Exeter.



Item, I bequeath 3s. 4d. to be distributed amongst the poor parishioners of Clamstek<sup>9</sup>.

Item, to the poor of Ufculme, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the poor of Brolescombe, 3s. 4d.

To the poor of Welington, 4s. 4d.

To the poor of Hydon, 3s. 4d.

To the poor of the parish of St. Thomas, 3s. 4d.

Item, I will that if any of my debtors cannot satisfy my executors without great trouble (*grauamine*), and are able to prove the truth of this thing, they shall be in no way oppressed (*aggrauantur*) or sued by my executors, but shall be wholly discharged from the said debt.

Item, I bequeath to the hospital of St. Anthony where it is most needed (*ubi magis necesse fuerit*) 20s., to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to John Brygon my best helmet (*galeam*) with ventaile (*ventallo*).

Item, I bequeath to John Spear the reversion of a tenement with the garden adjacent after the death of Dionysia my wife, in the which tenement Joan Spicer now dwells in the borough of Welington, to have and to hold the said burgage to the aforesaid John for life, of the chief lords of that fee.

Item, I will that the said John Spear shall have one pair of coverlets (*lodicum*) of the 50 yards of cloth "de blanket" above-bequeathed.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of the church of St. Thomas, for tithes forgotten, 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to John Brigon, my brother, 13s. 4d. for undertaking the administration of my goods.

Item, to the wardens of the fraternity of the Blessed Mary in the church of St. Thomas, 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to John, son of John Atteyate, 2s. 4d.

Item, to William Brigon, 6s. 8d.

Item, to Cristina my servant, 12d.

Item, I bequeath to the wardens of the fraternity of the holy Trinity in the church of Welington for the term of twenty years and more, if lawfully (*juridice*) it may be done 3s. 4d. issuing out of the burgage in which John Yeue now dwells.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to my executors, to dispose for my soul.

Item, I give to Thomas Grey and Joan his wife, and the issue of the said Thomas the reversion of one burgage after the death of me and Dionysia my wife; in which burgage John Jone now dwells, to hold of the chief lords of that fee by the services thereof due and accustomed. And if the said Thomas die without issue, I will that the said burgage with its appurtenances shall remain to my right heirs for ever.

I ordain executors of this will John Brygon, my brother, John Cole and Thomas Grey of Hydon.

Proved before Master John Lyndefeld, 11th May, 1434, and administration committed to John Cole and Thomas Grey, with power reserved, &c.

## 1429. SIR JOHN HALSANGER.

[13 LUFFENAM. FO. 101.]

A.D. 1429, the penultimate day of May. I, sir John Halsanger make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my soul to God who created it out of nothing, and my body to holy burial in the churchyard of Bradeford juxta Taunton.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Asshecombe, son of William Asshecombe, two brass pots (*ollas eneas*), and one red bed (*lectum rubeum*) with a covering (*tapeto*)<sup>1</sup> embroidered (*embrouderato*) with a certain animal called "*Griffonys*."

Item, all other my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Joan, eldest daughter of William Asshecombe, and I make her executrix of this my will, that she may have God before her eyes in the administration, as she will answer therefor at the day of judgment before God and his angels. And I make William Asshecombe and John Asshecombe, his father, overseers of this my will.

In witness whereof I have to these presents affixed my seal.

Proved 23rd August [year not given], and administration

<sup>1</sup> A carpet, used in the middle ages for covering tables, benches, or beds, not the floor.

committed to Thomas Asshecombe, kinsman (*consanguineo*) of the said deceased. Joan the executrix assenting, with power reserved, &c.

## 1429. JOHN GREGORY.

[12 LUFFENAM. FO. 93.]

2nd October, A.D. 1429. I, John Gregory of Bruton, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my soul to God, and my body to be buried in the parish church of the blessed Mary of Bruton, next Eleanor, late my wife.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church aforesaid, 20s., or the value, and a chalice (*calicem*) of silver gilt.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Wells, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the parish church of Bruton, two banners of silk (*vexilla de serico*).

Item, I bequeath to the prior of Witham a book called "*Syding de galliž*."

Item, I bequeath to the prior of Stauerdale, one psalter (*psalterium*).

Item, to the prior of the convent of Bruton, a cup (*ciphum*) of silver, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to Gregory, my servant, a gown furred (*togam furratam*) with "*oter*," and 20s.

Item, to John, son of the said Gregory, one brass pot (*ollam eneam*) and one pan (*patellam*).

Item, I bequeath to John Barbour, my kinsman (*cognato meo*), one gown (*togam*) and 20s.

Item, to John Sexcey, 20s.

To John Maskell, 20s., and one dozen of cloth (*duodenam pāni*).

Item, I bequeath to Walter Milward, one gown furred (*togam furratam*).

Item, to Nicholas my servant, one gown and 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to John Wattys servant, one gown.



Item, to Richard Weston, my son (*filio*) one gown furred with "*cristy grey*," and 10 marks in money, and all my armour (*armaturam*).

Item, I bequeath to John Barbour one "*Jacke de defence*" of silk.

Item, I bequeath to John, son of the said John Barbour, my kinsman (*cognato*) 100s. if he shall be living, and if he shall not live to the age of 12 years I will that they be distributed by my executors amongst the poor, for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to John, son of Gregory Milward, one cow.

I bequeath to Richard Arnold one pair of paternosters (*p̄r n̄r*) of "*jeet*."

Item, I bequeath to Richard, Prior of Bruton, one pair of paternosters of "*jeet*," with gauds<sup>1</sup> (*gaudiis*) of gold.

Item, to Thomas Brown, one bow and 24 arrows.

Item, to Master John Symondesburgh, one horse which I had of the prior of Witham, to pray for my soul, and a piece of white cloth to distribute amongst his brethren.

Item, I bequeath to John Hethe, of Shafton, one gown (*togam*).

Item, to Thomas Welles, my servant, one gown (*togam*) of the livery (*de librata*) of the prior of Bruton, furred with "fox."

And I will that a chaplain shall be found by my executors for three years at the altar of the holy cross in the parish of Bruton.

Item, I bequeath to Edith, my servant (*servienti*) one basin (*pelvim*) with ewer (*lavacro*) and one brass pot (*ollam*).

Item, to Isabella, my servant (*servienti*) one basin (*pelvim*) and one pot (*ollam*).

And I will that 100s. shall be distributed to the poor on the day of my burial for my soul.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to Amice, my wife; and I ordain as my executors my beloved in Christ Master John Symondesburgh, Amice, my wife, Thomas Brown and Richard Arnold; and as overseer, William Carent.

Proved 11th November in the year abovesaid; and administration granted to John Symondesburgh, with power reserved, &c.

<sup>1</sup> Gaud, one of the larger and more ornamental beads placed between the decade of "*aves*" in a rosary.—(*N.E.D.*)

## 1429. NICHOLAS MOLEYNS.

[10 LUFFENAM. FO. 83.]

I, Nicholas Moleyns, on Friday next before the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, A.D. 1429, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary of Mountague in co. Somerset.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of Christchurch Twynham 2s., for my tithes forgotten ; and to the poor there, 6*d*.

Item, to the vicar of Fordyngbrigge, 2s. for my tithes forgotten ; and to the poor there, 6*d*.

Item, to the vicar of Southpedertone and to the vicar of Kingesbury, 2s. each as above ; and to the poor of each place, 6*d*.

Item, I bequeath all my moveable goods and chattels at Jayellesmelle and Gaywellesbrigge to Joan, my wife.

Item, I will that my feoffees shall pay to the marriage of Matilda, my daughter, 10 marks out of my lands and tenements of Sandhulle.

Item, I will that [of] the 40*li*. which William Shorte of Seburghe owes me for the marriage of John my son, he shall deliver 20 marks to John Roucle and John Parelle, due to them for divers lands and tenements in co. Southampton lately bought of them, and 20 marks to the marriage of the said Matilda, and 20 marks to my executors.

Item, I will that my feoffees shall pay, out of my lands and tenements of Jayellesmelle and Southpederton, 40 marks to my executors ; of which 40 marks I will that my executors shall deliver to William, Giles, Robert and Thomas, my sons, 40s. each.

And I will further that my said executors shall find a chaplain to celebrate for two years for the soul of me, the aforesaid Nicholas, and for the souls of my parents, giving him, of the said 40 marks, 8 marks yearly.

Item, I will that my feoffees shall make a sure status to my four sons of and in my lands and tenements in Northpederton, Bokelounde, Crosse and Lynge, for the whole term of their

life; and after the decease of each of them, their part of the said lands and tenements shall remain to my right heirs for ever.

Item, I will that my feoffees shall make a legal dower to Joan, my wife, of all the lands and tenements of which they were enfeoffed by me, excepting the lands, &c., last abovesaid; and, after my will has been fulfilled of these my lands in Sandhulle, Jayellesmelle and Southpedertone, I will that my said feoffees shall make feoffment thereof to John Moleyns, my son and heir, to him and his heirs for ever.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to William Moleyns, William Lone, vicar of Kingsbury, and Joan my wife, to do therewith for my soul and for my benefactors as shall seem to them most expedient; and I ordain the said William, William and John (*sic*) my executors.

Proved, 29th April in the year abovesaid, before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to William Moleyns, executor, with power reserved, &c.

## 1429. RICHARD PAVELEY.

[12 LUFFENAM. FO. 95.]

10th March, A.D. 1429, I, Richard Paveley, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the parish church of Frome.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Frome aforesaid, 13s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to John Clevedone, one gown of "Worstede."

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed, after my debts and funeral expenses are faithfully paid, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife, for the good and faithful execution of this my will; and I ordain my executors the said



Elizabeth, Edmund Forde and James Craas, to dispose for my soul as shall seem most expedient to them.

Proved 18 May 1430, before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to Elizabeth, relict of the deceased, executrix, in the person of Nicholas Wotton, her proctor, &c.

Richard Pavely, arm., presented to Egforton *als.* Fairoke [which benefice was, in 1460, united to that of Berkley (nr. Frome)] from 1413 to 1429. [*Somerset Incumbents*, p. 476, where for *Panely* read *Pavely*.]

### 1431. JOHN HERTYLPOLE,

[17 LUFFENAM. FO. 130.]

I, John Hertylpole, rector of the churches of Byngham<sup>1</sup> and Sondore by apostolic authority, make my will in this manner:

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of either of the churches aforesaid, if I die near either of them within forty miles (*per xl. miliarum*); or elsewhere, where God shall dispose, according to the ordination of my executors.

Item, I bequeath for the performance of my obsequies (*ad faciendū exequias meas*) in either of the said churches, without pomp, in distribution to the poor (*distribucione pauperum*) 40*li.* or more, according to the ordination of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to the prior and monks of the Carthusian order in London, to pray for my soul, 10*li.*, and to perform my obsequies (*exequias meas*) there.

Item, to each priest (*sacerdoti*) ministering at my obsequies (*exequias*), 12*d.*, and to each clerk, 6*d.*

Item, to an honest chaplain in the church of Gaynesbury for one year, and to one other honest chaplain in the said church of Brigham for four years as soon after my death as they can be hired (*conduci*), to celebrate the mass of "*Requiem*" every Monday and Friday, with the prayers (*oracionibus*) *Deus cuius misericordie non est numerus*, &c., and *Deus qui es summa nostra Redemcio*, &c., and intercession for the faithful departed (*sub una conclusione et oracione fidelium*) with one trental of

<sup>1</sup> According to Official Kalendar, these places are Brigham (Cumb.) and Sandy (Beds.).

St. Gregory, according to the feasts accustomed (*feſta conſuet.*<sup>9</sup>), and to ſay the office of the dead (*officium mortuorum*) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and in other maſſes *Deus cuius miſericordie non eſt numerus*, and of the ſaints, to wit, to each of the ſaid chaplains at Weſton and Gayneſburgh, 7 marks ; and at Brigham, 10 marks ; provided always that the ſaid chaplains ſhall be preſent in perſon at the divine obſequies (*obſequiis*) in the churches aforeſaid (*cum nota fienda*) unleſs infirmity or reaſonable cauſe ſhall prevent it.

Item, I bequeath to Robert, my brother, 20*li.* ; a piece of ſilver with a cover ſtanding on feet ; two baſins (*pelues*) with ewers (*lauacris*), one bed of mine covered with worſted (*Worſted paliato*<sup>1</sup>), one long black cheſt, and another new one at Sondoye, two great "Rekkes," and two great ſpits (*verua*) in caſe I die before him.

Item, I bequeath to John Gūby, eſquire, one piece with a cover, with the image of St. John the Baptiſt, and a veſſel for holy water (*aquariam*) gilt.

Item, I bequeath to Hugh Helweys, one ſmall piece of ſilver with a cover, and 40*s.*

Item, to Thomas Smythe, clerk, a ſmall piece gilt, ſtanding (*sic*) with a cover, and two other pieces gilt of one ſort without cover.

Item, I bequeath in diſtribution to the poor pariſhioners of Weſton, 100*s.*

Item, to the high altar there, one miſſal and one veſtment worth 12 marks.

Item, to the high altar of Melles, one cope (*capa*) worth 100*s.* ; and to be diſtributed to the poor there 100*s.*

Item, to the fabric of the church of Brigham, and to the chaplain there (*capellan*<sup>9</sup>), 20*li.*

Item, to the poor pariſhioners there, 10 marks, to be faithfully diſtributed with the ſuperviſion of William Stapilton and Alexander Mercer.

Item, to the cathedral church of Hereford, one cope of the worth of 100*s.*

Item, I bequeath to the church of Gayneſburgh one veſtment worth 10 marks.

<sup>1</sup> Palliatuſ : panno ſerico indutuſ, coopertuſ, couvert d'un tiſſu de ſoie. (*Ducange.*)



Item, I bequeath to the abbot of Glaston, two cruets (*phioles*) gilt (*deauratas*).

Item, I bequeath to William Dent, my servant, a chest of Flaunders that was at Weston, &c. . . .

I make William Prestwike, Thomas Smythe, Nicholas Robert and William Dent my executors.

Dated at London on the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, A.D. 1431 and 10 Henry VI.

Proved 17th November, 1432, and administration committed to the executors.

### 1433. JOHN COKE.

[18 LUFFENAM. FO. 140.]

A.D. 1433, April 27th. I, John Coke, Canon and Residentiary of the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, add and give (*addo et do*) to the will previously made<sup>1</sup> by way of codicil the underwritten, to wit:—

Item, I give to John Longe, my clerk, my tenement with its appurtenances in the street (*vico*) of Colbrok street in the city of Winchester.

[Other bequests follow of tenements in Winchester minutely described.]

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wynscombe, 13s. 4d.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Pudelhenton, 13s. 4d.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Alton next my church of Pedeltreynhid, 20s.

This will was proved before Master John Lyndefeld, Commissary [no date is given] and administration committed to the executor.

<sup>1</sup> Not registered here.



## 1436. ROGER WODEHELE.

[20 LUFFENAM. FO. 160.]

On the Morrow of the day [July 26] of St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A.D. 1436. I, Roger Wodehele, Canon of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Andrew, of Wells, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the nave of the said church, at the head (*ad caput*) of Thomas Terry, formerly Canon of the church aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath 4*li.* for one thousand masses to be celebrated as soon as may be after my soul shall have left my body.

Item, I bequeath 40*s.* to be distributed amongst the poor on the day of my burial.

Item, I bequeath to William Wodehille, my nephew (*nepoti*), 40*s.*

To Joan and Christian, his sisters, 20*s.* each.

Item, to Agnes Corydon, 20*s.*

To Isabella Ferby 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to Thomas Wodehille, my nephew, 40*s.*

To William Chambre 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church aforesaid, 26*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to John Lichefeld, 20*s.*

Item, to John Orgraue, my servant (*famulo*), 20*s.*

To William Lange, my servant (*servienti*), 10*s.*

To Walter, my servant (*famulo*), 5*s.*

Item, to the fabric of the church of Northe Cory, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to the fabric of the church of Stokegregory, 6*s.* 8*d.*

To the parishioners of Stoke Gregory aforesaid, one missal, one pair of vestments, one cross of "Laton," one censer (*turribulum*) copper gilt (*cupr<sup>o</sup> deaurat*), and two lead brewing vessels (*pandoxatores*).

Item, I bequeath to the canons, vicars and other ministers (*ministris*) being at the "*dirige*" and masses of the dead (*missas de defunctis*) on the day of my burial, 40*s.*

The residue of my goods unbequeathed I give and bequeath to my executors, that they may keep yearly the day of my

anniversary in the Cathedral Church aforesaid, by distributing every year 20s. so long as the said residue shall last. And I constitute my executors Sir William Hoper, vicar of the Cathedral Church aforesaid, John Lichfeld, and William Wodehille, my nephew.

Proved 27th August in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to John Lichfeld, executor, &c., and to the discreet men Sir William Hopeř, chaplain, and William Wodehill in the person of the said John Lichfeld, proctor, &c.

### 1436. WILLIAM POULET.

[23 LUFFENAM. FO. 181.]

A.D. 1436, 15th August. I, William Poulet, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the north part (*in boriali parte*) of the church of Northepedirton.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to a priest of honest life, 40 marks to celebrate for the health of my soul for five years.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Northepedirton 20s.

Item, to Ellen, my wife's maid (*ancille*), 6s. 8*d*.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my executors underwritten, viz., Alice, my wife, Alexander Hody, John Batyne, clerk, and Martin Jacobe; there being witnesses to these presents William Magotte and John Shete, specially called (*rogatis*) for the premises.

Given at Melcomb in co. Somerset.

Proved 22nd January in the year abovesaid, before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration granted to Sir John Batyne, chaplain, with power reserved, &c.

## 1436. EDWARD GREVILLE.

[23 LUFFENAM. FO. 183.]

December 12th, A.D. 1436. I, Edward Greville, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my body to sacred burial in the parish church of Cherdelynche.

Item, I bequeath to each priest present at the funeral offices, 12*d.*, and to each clerk there discharging (*persoluenti*) divine offices, 6*d.*; and to the lesser clerks there, 4*d.*

Item, to the parish church of Cherdelynche, to the fabric thereof, 3*li.*

Item, I bequeath to the chapel of St. John the Baptist of Godleghe<sup>1</sup> 4 marks.

Item, to sir Stephen Chapman, rector of Cherdelyng<sup>2</sup>, to celebrate for my soul, 40*s.*

Item, to brother Thomas, of the order of Austin Friars of Bristol, to celebrate a trental for my soul, 5 marks.

Item, to the said Thomas, for his diligent pains bestowed upon me (*pro suo diligenti labore michi impenso*), 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the convent of Friars Minor of Briggewater 10 marks, to celebrate for my soul for two whole [years] (*per duos completos (sic)*), to wit, every Sunday a mass of the Trinity; on the second day of the week (*Feria secunda*) of the Angels (*de Angelis*); on the third day, of the Holy Spirit (*de sancto Spiritu*); on the fourth day, of requiem; on the fifth day, of the Body of Christ (*de corpore Christi*); on the sixth day, of the holy cross (*de sancta Cruce*); and on Saturday (*sabbato*) of St. Mary.

Item, I bequeath to the conven of Austin Friars of Bristol 40*s.*, to celebrate for my soul through the year (*per annum*), taking each day in one mass the collect *Deus cui proprium*.<sup>2</sup>

Item, I bequeath to brother William Stowrd, to celebrate for my soul, 2 marks.

Item, to John Curtenay, my gown of scarlet with a hood of "Musterdevylers" and one "baselard" of silver.

<sup>1</sup> Now Gautheney in Charlinch (see Collinson, I, 239). This will is valuable as giving the dedication of the chapel.

<sup>2</sup> This Sarum Collect is used *in die trigintali*: see *Sarum Missal* (Dickinson), p. 869\*.



Item, to Leonard Stepylton, my blue (*blodiam*) gown furred.

Item, to William up Thomas, my gown of "murray engreynd," and one flat (*planam*) piece without a cover.

Item, I bequeath to Mary, my sister, a gown of green colour, formerly my wife's.

Item, to Richard Martyn, 5 marks and a "sorel" horse, and my sword, with one "jakke of defens," and a black hood.

Item, to John Scherlond I bequeath 5 marks, with one black horse and saddle (*sella*) and bridle (*freno*), and one "wodeknyff" and one new doublet (*deploidem*).

Item, I bequeath to Katherine Hullond, 5 marks.

To John Payn 20s.

Item, to Elys Deyman, 20s.

Item, to John Newman, 20s.

To John Rabysworthy 20s.

To John Hullond 20s.

Item, to John and Thomas, sons of the said John Hullond, to each of them severally 10s.

To William Trayleman 20s.

To John Fammell the younger, 13s. 4d.

To Anastasia, wife of Richard Martyn, 2 marks and a furred gown of murrey.

Item, to Agnes Hullond, 40s.

Item, to William Roos, 13s. 4d.

Item, to John Bercorn<sup>1</sup>, 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to my lord bishop of Exeter one horse called Trill.

Item, to my brother Richard Greville, my seal.

Item, to my mother one ring, and all the apparel (*apparatum*) hanging in my hall.

Item, to Thomas Spencer, one "goshawk."

Item, I bequeath to Isota Hullond one "huke."<sup>1</sup>

Item, to all my servants, their wages and liveries for the term of the Nativity of our Lord next to come.

Item, I bequeath to my brother Stepilton one embroidered (*stragulatam*) hood.

Item, I will that the lordship of Batheneston shall be sold

<sup>1</sup> An outer garment or mantle worn by women in the fourteenth century, and afterwards adopted by men. (Fairholt's *Costume in England*.)

to have mass (*missa*) in the parish church of Cherdelynche for my soul, and the soul of Isabella, my wife, and for the souls of my parents and friends.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to my executors, to wit, to sir Philip Thornebury, William up Thomas, John Curtenay, and Richard Martyn.

Proved 5th February in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to John Curtenay and Richard Martyn, with power reserved, &c., and commission issued to the Master of the Hospital of St. John, and to the perpetual vicar of the church of St. Mary of Bruggewater to commit, &c., &c.

#### 1436. JOHN POULET, KNT.

[23 LUFFENAM. FO. 181.]

A.D. 1436, 3rd January. I, John Poulet, knight, seeing the danger of death draw near, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the Blessed Katherine<sup>1</sup> of Nony.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Nony, 100s.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Fissshertone, 100s.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Northepedirtone, 20s.

Item, to the Friars Preachers of Brygewater, 20s.

Item, to the five men serving me, to wit, John Mokforde, Thomas Kepe, Henry Smythe, Thomas Haselle and John William, to each of them 20s.

Item, I give and bequeath all my lands and tenements, &c., in the borough of Brygewater to my executors underwritten, to sell the same in the best manner they can, and to distribute the money thereof coming for the health of my soul and the soul of William my father, and to fulfil my last will.

Item, I will that all the lands which I or my feoffees have in Holewille, within the parish of Risshetone, shall be sold by my executors, and the money thereof coming be distributed at their discretion, provided nevertheless that all my debts shall first be paid.

<sup>1</sup> This was a chantry in the parish church of Nunney which was dedicated to All Saints (see *Somerset Incumbents*).

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Custance my wife.

And I make my executors the said Custance, Alexander Hody, John Batyne, clerk, and William Magotte; and Walter Hungerford, lord of Heytesbury and of Homet, overseer thereof.

These being witnesses, William Henton and John Shete.

Given at Melcomb under my signet.

Proved 22nd January in the year abovesaid, before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to Sir John Batyne, clerk, and William Magotte, with power reserved, &c.

### 1438. JOHN STOURTON.

[25 LUFFENAM. FO. 195.]

I, John Stourton of Preston,<sup>1</sup> the elder, son of John Stourton, formerly Lord de Stourton, brother of William Stourton, son and heir of the said John Stourton de Stourton, on the tenth day of November, 1438, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the church of Staverdale. Item, I will that my body shall be carried thither in my best waggon (*pluistro*), and that the same shall be drawn by my ten best oxen, and that the waggon and oxen shall remain to the said house for a memorial of my soul

Item, I will that on the day of my burial the prior of the said place shall have 40s.; and every canon there 20s.

Item, I bequeath to Katherine, my wife, 14 oxen being at Preston, with the waggon, ploughs, yokes, iron chains, "dragges," harrows (*herpices*) with all the apparatus to the same, and which belongs to husbandry there. Also 200 sheep (*multones*) and one half of my corn and grain at Preston, both in the barns there and sown in the fields, equally to be divided between the said Katherine and my executors. I give to her also all my brewing vessels (*vasa pandoxabilia*) and all that belongs to my bake-house (*pistrinam*) and my brewing house (*domum pandoxabiliem*) there, both lead, brass and wood, and all my vessels of

<sup>1</sup> Preston Plucknett near Yeovil,



tin, brass, stone and iron, with iron spits (*veruferreis*) and other necessities and utensils belonging to the offices of the kitchen and larder (*lardarie*) there. Also all that "stuffe" which belongs to my chambers there, and to the pantry and butlery there, such as beds, sheets, blankets (*lodicibus*), "matreas, quyltes, fetherbedys, pylowes," cloths, towels, and other necessities, and all things belonging to the said houses, except all jewels and all silver vessels gilt or not gilt, which I reserve at the disposition of me and my executors. Item, I bequeath to the said Katherine of vessels (*de vasis*) two chased silver salts, whereof one is covered, and all cups which are assigned by writing in the butlery to Thomas "Panter," with one "potte" of silver there. Also one pair of vestments for the chapel, which belonged to Master Richard, my brother of black "tartryne" and red, with all the apparel to the same for the altar. Also one white chalice, one "frount" and "rerefrount" of "Grenetarteryn," and two phials which belonged to the said Master Richard. Also one silver cup covered, which belonged to St. Thomas the Martyr (*quod fuit sancti Thome martiris*). Also all my "stuffe" which belongs to the hall as well for the summer as for the winter, except the silver vessels. Item, I bequeath to the said Katherine one cup called "*le Note*," harnessed with silver and gold and covered. Item, one grey "ambler" horse, which I had of the receiver of the Lord Bishop of Bath. Also one silver cup called "a stonnynge cuppe" "coueryd and gyld enameled the pomelle of blew, paysynge 2 lbs. 7½ ounces."

Item, I bequeath to John Stourton, knight, my good psalter which belonged to William, his father, and one pair of vestments of blue cloth of gold, one gilt chalice, two cruets of silver, one bell of silver, two candlesticks of silver, and three "quysshyns" of silk for his chapel.

Item, I bequeath to the Lady Abbess of Shafton one piece of silver, "flatte," and covered and gilt, which belonged to Master Edward Prentys.

Item, I bequeath to Anastasia, my sister, one piece of silver, "flatte," covered.

Item, to William Carent and Margaret his wife, one pair of beads of gold.

Item, to the said William, my black horse which I had of Thomas Knyvalle, knight.

Item, I bequeath to Cecilia, my daughter, one cup of silver covered and gilt, which I had of Nicholas Orteys.

Item, I will that the church of Staverdale and the cloister there shall be completed in all things, as well in glazing the windows as in other buildings there to be done, and that the expenses and costs thereof shall be borne by my executors.

Item, I will that two images carried thither by me (*per me cariatas*), shall be ordained and placed in the middle of the choir of the said church, between the stalls there, and that underneath shall be made a certain tomb (*sepulcrum*), ordained and walled (*muratum*) for the bodies of me and my wife to be placed therein reasonably and honestly after our death, with one "closet" of iron bars around the said tomb; and that the reading-desk (*lectrinum*) shall be at the head of the said tomb.

Item, I will that the aforesaid church shall be throughout (*in omnibus*) honestly paved with "Tyle" of my arms and the arms of my mother.

Item, I bequeath to the Friars of Dorchester 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Friars of Brygewater 6s. 8d.

To the fabric of the church of Yeuelle 40s.

To the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Wells 6s. 8d.

Item, I will and firmly prohibit that any great cost be incurred on the day of my burial, nor further cost on the day of my anniversary, except such as must of necessity be borne, but that what is [usually] spent in these uses should be distributed among the poor, though it reach (*licet attingat*) the sum of 20*li*.

Item, I bequeath to Joan Sydenham, my daughter, one covered cup gilt in the likeness of a custard<sup>1</sup> (*costardi*) with leaves.

Item, to William Carent, for his labour and friendship, beyond what is bequeathed to him, 10*li*.

Item, to William Bochelle, 10 marks.

To John Godewyne, for the execution of the will of Master Richard Stourton and mine, 10*li*.

<sup>1</sup> Formerly a kind of open pie: cf. custard-cups, a local name in Shropshire for the willow-herb.—(*N.E.D.*)

Item, I bequeath to Lewis, rector of the church of Penne [Pendomer], 100s.

Item, I will that a tomb (*tumba*) shall be made by my executors at Dowlysshwake of two images, one of a man armed and the other of a gentlewoman, designed (*deputate*) for a memorial of John Keynes and his wife, at the cost of my said executors, and that the images shall be placed between the high altar of the church there, and the chapel of the chantry of the said John Keynes.

Item, I will that if John Stourton, knight, my nephew, shall make complaint (*querelaverit*) to my executors for any things which belonged to William his father, and if he be not content with what I have bequeathed to him . . . . .  
(*et de remanere maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum meorum quod sibi et heredibus suis post diversos status terminandos rectis heredibus mei prefati Johannis Stourton*); but if he make no complaint, then I will he shall have what I have disposed.

Item, I will that all my garments shall be distributed amongst my household servants, at the discretion of my executors; and all the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my executors to distribute for my soul, and to perform my last will. And I ordain William Carent, John Godewyne and William Bochette (Bocheff), my executors.

Proved 27th January in the year abovesaid, before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to the executors named, in the person of William Payne, their proctor in this behalf.

### 1439. SIMON RALEGHE.

[27 LUFFENAM. FO. 214.]

I, Simon Raleghe, on the third day of February, A.D. 1439, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary of Netilcombe, on the north part of the church (*in boriali parte*) next the great stone there.

Item, I bequeath to the church aforesaid two “douses,” two cows and twenty sheep, to have my obit and the obit of my



parents' ancestors (*parentum antecessorum*) and my friends held there once a year by the wardens of the goods of the said church for ever.

Item, I bequeath to the church of the Blessed Mary of Bokelonde, and to the sisters serving God there, 13s. 4*d.*, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to John Person, my servant, 40s. to pray for my soul.

Item, to Thomas Quyk, my servant, 13s. 4*d.*, to pray for my soul.

Item, to John Buryman, my servant, 6s. 8*d.*, to pray for my soul.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed, after my debts are fully paid, I give and bequeath to Joan my wife. And I ordain my executors the said Joan, . . . [one name erased], and John Crose, and Walter Portman senior my overseer.

Given at Netilcombe under my seal.

Proved 14th April, 1440, before Master John Lyndefeld, commissary, and administration committed to the executors in the person of William Payne, their proctor, &c.

## 1441. WILLIAM WENARD.

[14 ROUS. FO. 105.]

*In Dei nomine, Amen.* On Wednesday next before the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 20 Henry VI, A.D. 1441, at Clistbarneville, co. Devon, I, William Wenard, make my will in this manner:—

My body to be buried in the conventual church of the Friars Minors, Exeter, in a certain new chapel there lately founded and erected from the goods conferred on me by God.

Item, to each poor person, male or female, coming on the day of my burial 2*d.*

To the Friars Preachers of Exeter to say "*Placebo*" and "*Dirige*" and one mass of "*Requiem*" for my soul, and the souls of those to whom I am bound, 20s.

To the Friars Preachers of Ilchester, Sarum, Winchester, and London to say "*Placebo*" and "*Dirige*" (as above).

To the Friars Minors of Dorchester, Bridgewater, Sarum, Winchester, and London, to each house 20s.

To the house of the order of Friars Minors, Exeter, to make a new cloister there, 100 marks, that the brethren of that house my specially pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to the prioress of Po'sloo and the convent of the same place to make a new tower or belfry (*campanile*) there 80 marks.

For the marriage of poor girls in the county of Devon 100 marks.

To John, my son, in silver vessels and in gold and silver 1,000*l*.

If it happen that my said son shall die within the age of 21 years I will that the said silver vessels, gold and silver, remain to my executors to dispose thereof in works of charity, &c.

To each parish church in the counties of Devon and Cornwall 8s. 4*d*. on condition that my name be written on a certain glass window or in a certain public place of each church so that it can be seen by all men, as well friends as enemies, that when they see my name publicly written they perchance be induced more quickly to pray for my soul.

To the abbots of Tavystok, Bucfestre, Dunkeswell, and Newenham, and to the priors of Plympton, St. German, Bodminne, Montacute, and St. Swithin of Winchester, and their convents to pray for my soul and the souls to which I am bound 100 marks between them, equally to be divided, on condition that my name be written on a certain glass window as is aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath 300 marks to make a new bridge commonly called "Grindelbrigge."

My feoffees in 4 acres of land shall deliver their estate to such persons as the Master of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, Exeter, shall wish to name, to have and to hold for ever.

My executors shall take all profits of all my lands in the counties of Devon, Somerset, Wilts, Southampton, and Middlesex till the full age of the said John, my son, and dispose

thereof for my soul and the souls of my ancestors and all the faithful deceased.

The residue to be distributed in works of charity and for the health of my soul.

Executors, John Fortescu, knight, Justice of the King's Bench, John Blevet, John Copleston, Thomas Greyston, chaplain, John Shillingford, John German, Henry Cook, and William Hunte.

Proved 5th November, A.D. 1442. Administration to John Blevet, John German, and Henry Cook.

[An account of the testator and his family is given in *Ancient Sepulchral Effigies of Devon*, by W. H. H. Rogers, F.S.A., p. 156. In the Guildhall, Exeter, we find on the panelling the name, "Wm. Wynard, Recorder and Benefactor, 1404," and his arms, *Ar. on a bend az. three mullets of the field.*]

## 1442. THOMAS CHINNORE.

[15 ROUS. FO. 117.]

6th January, A.D. 1442, and in the 21st year of the reign of King Henry the Sixth, I, Thomas Chynnore, citizen and fishmonger of London.

My body to be buried in the monastery of St. Mary de Graciis by the Tower of London, in the chapel of St. Anne there.

To Joan, my wife, 10*li.* of those 15*li.* wherein the abbot of St. Mary de Graciis and the convent are bound to me, and the residue of that debt I release to the said abbot and convent, on condition that they find a fit chaplain and honest man to celebrate divine services every day for my soul, &c., for a whole year.

To the said Joan my estate and all terms which I have to come in that mansion which I hold of the grant of the Master of the Hospital or House of St. Katherine near the Tower of London, within the close or site of the same Hospital.

I will that John Faryngton, who is enfeofed with me of all that tenement in Lymstrete of the demise of Richard Howsewyfe and Matilda, his wife, formerly the wife of Robert de Writele, do make an estate thereof to Joan, my wife, her heirs and assigns, for ever.



Item, I will that the same John Faryngton, who is feoffee to my use, with John Salle, rector of the church of the Blessed Mary of Fanchirche, London, Henry Heyryk, rector of the church of St. Mary Magdalen of Bermondeseye, and William Kelshull, now deceased, of all lands and tenements &c., in the parishes of St. John of Walbroke, St. Dunstan in the East, and the Blessed Mary of Fanchirche, London, which the said John Faryngton with the others lately had, for ever, of the gift and grant of Philip Burton and Joan, his wife, daughter of Isabella, daughter of Reginald, concerning the conduct of my estate, after my decease shall enfeoffe the said Joan, my wife, of all the said lands, &c., to hold to her, her heirs and assigns, for ever.

Item, I will that Abel Lavermer, who is enfeoffed with me and has an estate together with Robert Thrysk, clerk, John Cornewaleys, and Reginald Andrewe, now deceased, of and in all that tenement with the shops, &c., in Lymstrete, which I and the said Abell, together with the others, had to us, our heirs and assigns, of the feoffment of Robert de Teye, esquire, and William Hanyngfeld, after my decease shall make an estate therein to Joan, my wife, her heirs and assigns, for ever.

Item, I will that those who are enfeoffed of all those lands, &c., which I lately had of the gift and grant of John Chynner and Matilda, his wife, my mother, in Oldesook, Modeford Terry in the Hundred of Stone, and Yevele, and elsewhere in the county of Somerset, immediately after my decease shall make the same estate thereof to Joan, my wife, her heirs and assigns, for ever.

Item, I will that those who have an estate with me and are feoffees of all my lands, &c., in Chynnor and elsewhere in the county of Oxford shall make an estate thereof (as above).

Item, lands in Selston, Baggethorp, and elsewhere in the county of Notts to Joan, my wife.

To Master Adam Moleyns, clerk of the King's Council, the reversion of tenements in the parish of the Blessed Mary Attehill, London.

Residue to Joan, my wife.

Proved 1st March in the year abovesaid. Administration to Joan, &c.

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## 1443. THOMAS CHEDDER, ESQ.

[15 ROUS. FO. 119.]

The last day of May, A.D. 1443. I, Thomas Chedder, esquire, bequeath, &c., and my body to holy burial in the parish church of Chedder, in the chancel, before the image of St. Andrew the Apostle.

To the parish church there 40s.

To the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 20s.

95 marks 6s. 8d. to the priests, poor clerks, my servants, and for my burial, viz. priests 20 marks, poor clerks 20 marks, servants and my burial 56 marks.

To Joan, my daughter, one best silver cup with its cover.

To Isabella, my daughter, a silver cup with a cover, having on the top of the cover a flower called "Columbein."

To Isabella, my wife, John Forscu, knight, John Gyfford, and Leonard Tylly, all my burgages, lands, rents, and services in Bristol and the suburb, and in Taunton and Axbrugge, to have and to hold to them and their heirs for ever, so that they make estate to Joan, my daughter, and her heirs to the true value of 110 marks by the year. Of the residue they shall make estate to the said Joan and Isabella, her sister, and to their heirs for ever.

To John Newton, my daughter Isabella's husband, a gown "*penulatom cum Martryñ de Murrey*" colour.<sup>1</sup>

To Sir John Twyte, rector of Yedeslygh, 5 marks.

To Thomas Mayr 5 marks.

To Thomas Michildeue 5 marks.

The residue to Isabella, my wife.

I appoint the said Isabella, John Twyte, and Thomas Mayr my executors.

Proved by Master William Fulforde, Bachelor of Laws, on the penultimate day of June in the year abovesaid.

[Prebendary Coleman has kindly sent me the following particulars relating to the testator :—

"Thomas Chedder, esquire, was the fourth son of Robert de Cheddre and Joan his wife, and was born about 1382. Joan was a widow in 1384 and

<sup>1</sup> A gown furred with martin-fur of murrey colour.

soon afterwards became the wife of Sir Thomas Broke. His wife was a Devon lady, Isabell, daughter of Robert Scobahull. By her he had issue two daughters—Isabella, who married Sir John Newton of Court de Wyck in Yatton, and Joan, who married first Richard Stafford and secondly Sir John de Lisle, son of the Earl of Shrewsbury. His inquisition post mortem is dated 21 Hen. VI, No. 55. He died June 3, 1443, leaving his two daughters heiresses of his vast estate.

"There is a stately monument with brass of his effigy on the north side of the sacarium of Cheddar Church in excellent preservation, and on the ground beneath is a slab with a brass effigy of Isabella.

"The former brass has been engraved in the *Clifton Antiq. Club Proceedings*, I, 39. In the fragments of stained glass of 15th century, in the window of the Chapel of Cheddar Fitzwalter in Cheddar Church appear the arms of Thomas and Isabella."]

### 1443. JOHN FOREST.

[30 LUFFENAM. FO. 238.]

In the name of God, amen. I, John Forest, Dean of the cathedral church of Wells, on the 17th of Junè, 1443, make my will in this manner:—

First, I give my soul to God and the undivided Trinity, to the most glorious Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, to St. Andrew the Apostle and all the heavenly court (*Curie celesti*), and the burial of my body before the great door (*summo hostio*) in the church aforesaid, inside the church.

Item, I will that all my debts of whatsoever kind be paid.

Item, I will that my funeral expenses shall be made in all things without worldly pomp (*mundiali pompa*), at the discretion of my executors, 20*li*.

Item, I will that to each poor person coming for alms on the day of my burial 4*d*. there shall be distributed at the discretion of my executors, 16*li*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to each canon and vicar present at my obsequies (*exequijs*), and at the *Placebo* and *Dirige* and mass until they be fully performed (*plene perficiantur*) on the day of my burial, 3*s*. 4*d*.



Item, to each chorister and tabularist (*tabulario*<sup>1</sup>), present at the said obsequies, 12*d.*

Item, to the same canons and vicars present at my obsequies on the day of my trentale (*die trigentalis mee*) in like manner, to wit, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to each chorister and tabularist (*tabulario*) present at the said obsequies, 12*d.*

Item, I bequeath to each chaplain of the College in the church of Wells, 2*s.*

Item, to the vicar of St. Cuthbert, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to each chaplain of the said church, 12*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the venerable Father, my most special prince and lord Henry Beauford, Cardinal of England and Bishop of Winchester, to buy one jewel (*jocale*) for himself, 40*li.*

Item, I bequeath to my kinsman (*cognato*) Master Thomas Forest, 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and six "goblettes" of plain (*plano*) work of Paris; also a blue (*blodium*) bed (*lectum*) of Worsted with all its apparel.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Wansford 10*li.*, and a silver and gilt cup (*ciphum*) in the manner of a bell (*ad modum Campanæ*) with a stag on the cover, weighing 2 lb. 6½ oz.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Hende 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and six silver "goblettes" of Paris work, and a silver cup (*ciphum*) in the form of a rose; also one bed (*lectum*) of red, white and green of Worsted with all its apparel.

Item, I bequeath to Humphrey Brocas, 10*li.*; a silver cup in the form of a rose, and a green bed "*de Meremayndeyns*," with all its apparel.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Gyfford, 40*s.*

Item, to William de But<sup>ñ</sup>, 100*s.*

To Robert Rowland, 20*s.*

Item, to John de Pistrina, 40*s.*

To Richard de Stabulo, 40*s.*

To Thomas de But<sup>ñ</sup>, 66*s.* 8*d.*

To John de Coquina, 40*s.*

<sup>1</sup> Tabulæ were tables (sometimes made of thin wax spread over board) in which those who were responsible for the various services, as well as the way in which they were to be carried out, were entered from week to week. See *Vetus Registrum Sarisberiense*, Rolls Series, 1883, vol. i, p. xxx.

- To Geoffrey Mannyng, 40s.  
 To Thomas Coppirstone, 40s.  
 To John Grene, 40s.  
 To Geoffrey Holme, 40s.  
 To Humphrey Alton, 40s.  
 To William Hogges, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to four poor people in my almshouse (*domo elemosinaria*) at Banbury next the churchyard of the church there, to be disposed and conserved according to the ordination of my executors for 20 years, to wit, every week to each of them 4*d.*, 66*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the poor of the deanery of St. Andrew of Wells, 46*s.* 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells, 66*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to the abbess of St. Mary Winchester, 40s.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Middleton in the county of Oxford, to buy a pair of vestments for the said church, 66*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to the church of Horton in the county of Bokyngham, for like cause, 66*s.* 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the church of Whetamstede in the county of Herford, for like cause, 100*s.*

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Gardiner, 20*s.*

To sir John Clyffe, 20*s.*

Item, I bequeath for my obit to be held in the cathedral church when I shall have left this light (*cum ab hac luce abstractus fuero*) for 20 years following, 40*li.*, to wit, for every year 40*s.* to be conserved and safeguarded (*salvo custodiendas*) at the disposition of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to John Fraunceys, 40*s.*

Item, to each of my executors, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

The residue of my goods I give to my executors, to dispose and ordain for my soul as they will answer before the supreme (*summo*) Judge on the day of the last Judgment (*Examinis*). And I will that my executors shall receive nothing of the legacies assigned to them above and below, except on condition that they undergo (*subeant*) the burden of the administration of this will.

Item, I will that my executors shall ordain (*ordinent*) five tapers (*cereos*) of ten *lbs.* of wax and twelve torches (*tortices*) to burn about my body at the time of my obsequies, on the day of my death (*obitus*) and the trentale day (*die trigentali*).

Item, I bequeath to Master John Beke,<sup>1</sup> Rector (*custodi*) of my college at Oxford, 20s.; and to every fellow of the same college, 13s. 4d.

Item, I will that my executors shall cause 1,000 masses to be celebrated for my soul on the day of my death (*obitus*) and in the weeks immediately following.

And I appoint as my executors Master Thomas Forest, my kinsman, rector of Stonham, John Wansford and Thomas Hende.

[No Probate act; a marginal note says:—] “5th April [administration was] granted to Master Thomas Forest only.”

[*Dates in Dean Forest's life* :—

1394, April 9.—Prebendary of Sexaginta Solidorum, Linc.

1395–6, February 25.—Prebendary of St. Botolph's, Linc.

1401, .—Prebendary of Banbury, Linc.

1414, August 13.—Archdeacon of Surrey.

1415, November 30.—Prebendary of Pipa Minor, Lichfield.

1416, November 17.—Prebendary of Dunham, Southwell.

1419, .—Prebendary of Dunnington, York.

1425, November 19.—Dean of Wells.

1446, March 25.—Obiit and was buried in the Cathedral.

(*Le Neve's Fasti*).]

## 1444. WILLIAM BALSHAM.

[29 LUFFENAM. FO. 231.]

A.D. 1444, 1st May. I, William Balsham, the elder, of Yevilchester, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the convent of the Friars Preachers at Yevilchester, if I happen to die there; otherwise where God shall dispose for me to be buried.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Wells, 6s. 8d. or the value (*vel valorem*).

<sup>1</sup> John Beke was Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, in 1435 (Oxford Ten-Year Book complete to end of 1870).



Item, to the nuns of Bokeland in co. Somerset, 6s. 8d. or the value, and beyond (*ultra*) to each sister there 6d., to pray and say for my soul the psalter (*psalterium*) of the blessed Virgin Mary.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St. John the Baptist at Yevilchestre, 3s. 4d. or value.

Item, to the fabric of the church of the Blessed Mary the less at Yevilchestre, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the fabric of the church of the Blessed Mary the greater (*Major<sup>e</sup>*) at Yevilchestre, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the house of the Friars Preachers of Yevilchestre, 13s. 4d.

Item, to each friar priest (*fratri sacerdoti*) of the said convent, 12d., and to each friar not a priest, 6d., to pray, and each priest to say one psalter (*unum psalterium*) for my soul and for those for whom I am bound (*teneor*).

Item, I bequeath and give my tenement in Yevilchestre, which Thomas Seymor, "boucher," formerly held, to Alice, my wife, and likewise I give and bequeath my waste place (*vacuam placeam*) next the Shirehall, which John Jew now holds, to the said Alice; and after her decease if it shall please her (*si sibi placuerit*) they shall be sold and the money thereof coming shall be distributed for our souls and for those for whom we are bound.

The residue of my goods after my debts are paid I bequeath to Alice, my wife, to ordain and dispose as she shall please, and I make her my sole executrix.

Written with my own hand in witness of the premises.

Proved 16th January in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to the executrix named.

#### 1444. JOHN LYDFORD.

[29 LUFFENAM.]

Will of John Lydford. Proved 6th November, A.D. 1444.

[The registered copy of this Will is illegible and no filed Will exists.]

[Testator is described in the official calendar as of "Wyncaulton, Somerset."]

## 1447. WILLIAM STEVENES.

[34 LUFFENAM. FO. 272.]

Tuesday next before the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, A.D. 1447, I, William Stevenes, precentor of the Cathedral Church of Welles, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church aforesaid, before the altar of St. Stephen.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church, 40s.

Item, to the fabric of Pyltone, 20s.

To the fabric of the chapel of Wottone, 13s. 4d.

To the fabric of Wrexall, 20s.

Item, to the fabric of the chapel of Naylsi, 13s. 4d.

To the fabric of Borton Cappelle, 13s. 4d.

Item, to the fabric of the church of St. Decuman, 20s.

To the fabric of the chapel of Wellyngtone, 13s. 4d.

Item, to the convent of Glaston, to have obsequies (*obsequias*) and mass there, 40s.

Item, to every canon and the vicar of the church of Wells being (*essend*) at the obsequies (*exequias*) and masses on the day of my burial, 2s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist of Wells, 13s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to each poor person in the house of the Hospital of St. Cuthbert, 4d.

Item, to each priest (*presbitero*) of the college of Wells, 12d.

Item, to each priest (*presbitero*) of St. Cuthbert, to pray for my soul, 6d.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Schepton-malet, to pray for my soul, 40s.

Item, to the vicars of the close (*clause*) of Wells, to have one mass "*cotidie de sancto Stephano*" at the aforesaid altar of St. Stephen for the space of one year, 53s. 4d.

Item, to the annuellars (*annelarijs*) of the College of Wells, to have one mass of St. Mary for the space of one year, 53s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to the Prior [and] Convent of the Hospital of St. John of Brigwater, 40s.

Item, to the Friars Minors of the aforesaid town, to pray for my soul, 20s.

Item, to the Abbot and convent of Clyffe, 40s.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Kyngestone, to pray for my soul, and for the souls of my father and mother, 40s.

Item, to the Friars Preachers of Elchestre, to pray for my soul, 20s.

Item to the prisoners (*captivis*) kept (*tentis*) in the King's Gaol of Elchestre, for the sustenance of the same, to pray for my soul, 20s.

To the four orders of Friars in Bristol, 4*li*.

Item, I bequeath, to have 1,000 masses within a month after my death, 100s.

Item, I bequeath to be distributed to the poor on the day of my burial and the day of my trental, to pray for my soul, 20*li*.

Item, to Master William Cleve, 10 marks and my best gilt bowl (*crateram*).

Item, to Master John Petertone, 10 marks and my second gilt bowl.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of Westbury 100s. and my third gilt bowl.

Item, to each of the three, one hood (*capicium*) and one gown (*togam*) of the best.

Item, I bequeath to my sister 20*li*. and two covered bowls (*crateras coopertas*) of white (*albi*) of the best, and one long gown (*togam*) of "skarlet" with a hood lined (*duplicatam*) with "Tarteryn."

Item, to my brother, 10 marks and one bowl of "parys" without a cover.

Item, to each son of my sister, 40s.

Item, to each son of my brother, 20s.

To Joan, my brother's daughter, if she will be well governed at the discretion of my executors, 10*li*. and one covered bowl of silver called "rostope."

Item, I bequeath to Peter Shetforde 100s., with one gilt covered bowl not heretofore bequeathed, and one gown of the best not bequeathed.



Item, to William Bannam (*Banna*<sup>9</sup>) 100s. and my second breviary (*portiforium*).

Item, one gown not heretofore bequeathed I bequeath to John Stonor, 10 marks, and a "stondyng" covered bowl of the best not bequeathed. Also one gown with a hood of the best not bequeathed, and one bed suitable (*competenti*) (*sic*) for him, at the discretion of my executors

Item, to Robert Molens, 40s. and one horse (*ecu*<sup>9</sup>) at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to William Waddam, 20s.

To John Pochet, 5 marks and his covered bowl, and a bed suitable for him.

To Richard Hulle, 40s.

To John Hille, 26s. 8d.

To John More, 26s. 8d.

To Davy of the stable (*de stabutt*), 20s., one saddle with a bit.

To Thomas Dolman, 26s. 8d.

To Richard Hakyer, if he is well governed at the schools at Oxford, 100s.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Master William Cleve, Master John [Petertone], and William Smythe, vicar of Westbury, my executors to dispose for my soul.

Proved 31st July in the year abovesaid, before Master Alexander Prowet, commissary, and administration committed to Master John Petertone and Sir William Smythe, with power reserved, &c.; and on the 11th of October, A.D. 1451, before Master Zanobius Mulakyn, Doctor of Decrees, commissary, &c., the said Master William Cleve renounced the burden of administration.

#### 1447. RALPH MANSTON.

[35 LUFFENAM. FO. 274.]

4th July, A.D. 1447. I, Ralph Manston [of the diocese] of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my soul to God Almighty and to the Blessed, Glorious Virgin Mary; and my body to holy burial.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Wells, 12*d*.

Item, to the church of Yeuele, 20*s*.

Item, I bequeath to the poor dwelling in the almshouse (*in domo Elimozinar*) one quarter of wheat.

Item, to the vicar of Yeuele, for my tithes negligently forgotten, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to every priest (*sacerdoti*) of the said parish coming to my obsequies (*obsequias*) and mass, 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to John, son of John Welfare, my servant (*servienti*), 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath two parts of the wood of the great vineyard (*focalium magne vinee*) to the poor of the parish of Yeuyll [for firewood].

And whatsoever shall be the residue of my goods not before bequeathed, together with my debts, I give and bequeath to Joan my wife, that she may dispose for my soul as she shall render an account thereof on peril (*sub periculo*) of her soul ; and I ordain her executrix of this my will.

Proved 12th August in the year abovesaid before Master Alexander Prowet, commissary, and administration committed to the executrix, with power reserved, &c. (*sic*).

#### 1448. THOMAS FRANCKELEYN.

[13 ROUS. FO. 99.]

21st November, A.D. 1448. I, Thomas Franckeleyn, of Eston, in the parish of St. Cuthbert [Wells], diocese of Bath and Wells.

My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Cuthbert aforesaid.

To the sustentation of the goods of the same church, 12*d*.

To John, my son, a brass pot.

To Alice, my daughter, a small pitcher (*urciolum*).

To Alice, my wife, all my lands, &c., in the town of Bristol or the county of the same for 12 years.

To the said Alice after the lapse of 12 years, during her life, a yearly rent of 26*s*. 8*d*.

After the lapse of the said 12 years the said lands shall remain to John, my son, and his issue, in default to remain to Alice, my daughter, and her issue, in default to remain to Alice Bays *alias* Bathe, my sister, and her issue, in default to remain to Walter Smyth, son of John Smyth, of Westbury, and to his issue, in default to remain to the right heirs of me, Thomas Franckeleyne.

The residue I bequeath to Alice, my wife, whom I appoint executrix, and John Bultyng supervisor.

Proved 11th February in the year abovesaid by Alice, the executrix, &c.

#### 1448. HENRY WARLEIGH.

[13 ROUS. FO. 99.]

10th December, A.D. 1448. Henry Warleigh, of Keynesham, diocese of Bath and Wells, made his nuncupative will in this manner:—

His body to be buried in the conventual church of the monastery of the Blessed Mary of Keynesham.

Item, he bequeathed to the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, *20d.*

To be expended on the day of his obit in bread, drink and victuals, and other funeral necessities, *20li.*

To each canon regular of Keynesham, *3s. 4d.*

To the prior of the monastery of Bath, *6s. 8d.*

To each monk there, *3s. 4d.*

To Margaret, his wife, *20li.*, together with the goods which the said Margaret had, or the value of the same, at the time of her marriage.

To his six godchildren (*sex filiis suis*) to each of them *20d.*

To Alice, his sister, *6s. 8d.*

To Katherine, his sister, *40s.*

To John Kydell and Cristiana, his wife, *13s. 4d.*

To Edith Wauerer and Christopher Golston, *6s. 8d.*

To John Warlegh, his cousin (*cognato suo*), *20s.*



To Andrew Arthur, chaplain, of Keynesham, 6s. 8d.

For a suit of vestments to serve in the said church of Keynesham, 20*li*.

Residue to his executors, viz., Sir Richard Whitewade, perpetual vicar of the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Keynesham, and Philip Hersowe, "brewer," to dispose for the health of his soul.

Proved 6th February, A.D. 1448. Administration to Philip Hersowe.

### 1448. JOHN RICARD.

[13 ROUS. FO. 98.]

I, John Ricard, rector of the church of Westlydford, co. Somerset, 14th December, A.D. 1448.

My body to be buried in the church of St. Katherine the Virgin and Martyr next the Tower of London.

To the church of St. Katherine a vestment "*cum toto apparatu*," a missal, a silver chalice, a "*corporale*," and a "*gradale*" with a processional.

To the said church my silver goblet (*crateram*).

To the sisters of the same place certain sheets and coverlets (*lodices*).

To the fabric of the church of Westlydford all my corn in my house there in sheaves.

To the church of Newbery where my father and mother are buried a missal which I bought of John Gould.

To John Fyssher my best goblet (*crateram*) of silver and the cover, so that he receive the administration of my goods.

To Walter Pareys, 6s. 8d.

To Sir John Gould to pray for my soul, 6s. 8d.

To William Berye, my servant, my best horse.

To John Gregory, my servant, my second horse with a saddle and bridle (*freno*).

John Fyssher, Walter Pareys, John Lyrbeke, and William Knyght, the elder, executors. Dated at London.

Witnesses, Sir John Germen, Sir John Gould, and William Berye.

Proved 7th January, A.D. 1448. Administration to Walter Pareys, the executor named.

[Testator was instituted to the rectory of West Lydford January 17th, 1430-1 (*S. I.*, 133).]

### 1449. ROBERT COLE.

[13 ROUS. FO. 103.]

Thursday next before the feast [May 19th] of St. Dunstan the Archbishop, A.D. 1449. I, Robert Cole, of Bishops Hulle, &c.

My body to be buried in the churchyard of the Apostles Peter and Paul of the priory of Taunton.

To Sir Geoffrey, chaplain of Hulle, 2s. 6d. to celebrate for my soul and the soul of Agnes, my wife.

To the said Sir Geoffrey, 6d. for tithes forgotten.

To the fabric of the church of Wells, 6d.

To Richard, my son, 20s., an embroidered hood (*capucium*) and a black sheep.

To Alice, my daughter, 6 marks, if she live till the time of discretion, and that she be married and governed by the advice of Walter Hillary and Joan, his wife.

If it happen that they die before the time of discretion the said 20s. and 6 marks to be disposed of by my executors for the health of my soul and the soul of Agnes, my wife, and the souls of my sons and all the faithful deceased.

The residue to Walter Hillary and Joan, his wife, for the health of my soul.

Proved 6th June in the year aforesaid. Administration to Walter Hillary.

### 1449. JOHN BROWNE.

[13 ROUS. FO. 103.]

26th May, A.D. 1449, administration of all the goods of John Browne, of Wulwade,<sup>1</sup> co. Somerset, "clopmaker," committed to Henry Bray, of London, draper, Thomas Makerell, of Shipton Malet, and Richard Harcley, of the same.

<sup>1</sup> Probably Woollard, a hamlet partly in Compton Dando and partly in Publow.

## 1449. JOHN TRETHEK.

[18 ROUS. FO. 141.]

24th October, A.D. 1449, administration of all the goods of John Trethek, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, intestate, because the executors named in his will refused the burden of administration, was committed to Master William Fulford, canon of Wells, and John Lewys, "literatus," of the said diocese, in the person of Master Richard Layty, his proctor in that behalf, and by the said John Lewys personally.

## 1452. THOMAS KYNGESMAN.

[18 ROUS. FO. 137.]

I, Thomas Kyngesman of Yevill, 4th August, A.D. 1452.  
My body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of St. John the Baptist of Yevill.

Item, to the cathedral church of Wells 20*d*.

To the parish church of Yevill 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the parish church of Peterton<sup>1</sup> where I was born 6*s*. 8*d*.

All garments belonging to my body to my brothers and their sons.

Item, to the way of Modeford for amending the same, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the poor of the Alms-house of Yevill, 6*d*. to be given every week for one year after my decease.

I give to Alice, my wife, my burgage or messuage in Grope-lane for her life, after her decease to the vicar and wardens of the goods of the said parish church of Yevill, for ever, to celebrate yearly a common anniversary, in the first week of Lent, for my soul and the souls of my parents, friends, and all my benefactors.

The residue I give to Alice, my wife, to dispose for my soul, &c., and I make the said Alice my executrix, and I make Master Thomas Bartelet, vicar of Yevill, supervisor.

Proved 16th September A.D. abovesaid. Administration to the said Alice.

<sup>1</sup> South Petherton is probably meant.



## 1454. NICHOLAS STURGEON.

[10 ROUS. FO. 76.]

In the blessyd name of the Holy Trinite the Fader the sone the holy gost three persones in oon substaunce, the last day of the Moneth of May M<sup>c</sup>ccccliij. I Nicholas Sturgeon preest most unworthy to haue that wurshipful name and office make my testament in this wise.

In the first y bequeth my sowle to the grate mercy of al myghty God my wretchid body to the erthe sanctified and halowed to be buried in the Chapell of our blessyd lady and seynt Nicholas now of new edefied atte Northdore of the Cathedral cherche of seynt Pawle of London.

To the maykyng of the Steple of the paryssh cherche of seynt Awstyns in London nexte Powles chirche yerd xls.

To the parisch cherch of Henstrygge a chalyce of the price of lxxvj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

To the pariss cherche of seynt Andrewe in Aysperton<sup>1</sup> a vestement of blak for prest deacon and subdecon of the prys of xli<sup>z</sup>.

To the Monasteryes of Cristchirch of Caunterbury of seynt Awstyn in the same town and of seynt Albones xx<sup>ti</sup> myle from London lxx<sup>s</sup>. to euary hows xx<sup>s</sup>. in remembrance of my Fraternite.

To my cosyn Johan Frowyk my bed of grene sylke with the testo<sup>r</sup> and Canope therto palid tartryñ white and rede and the gilde pece with smale stones set ther on.

To my suster Beatrice my syluer pottes and the beter cuppe of the grypes eye.<sup>2</sup>

To my cosyn Margrete Shipton that other gripes eye and a bed of grene wursted with the costers longyng ther to.

To my brother John Sturgeon the hallyng with the ix wurthy<sup>3</sup> and vj cuppes of Sylver stondyng on low fete w<sup>t</sup> the coueryng therto.

And as tochyng my brother Richard y cañ not assigne no thyng of my good recompensible to his good brotherhode.

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.*, Ashburton (St. Andrew), Devon.

<sup>2</sup> See Note 4, *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 212.

<sup>3</sup> *Cf.* Shakspeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*, V, i, 124. "Sir, you shall present before her the Nine Worthies." See also 2 *Hen. IV*, II, iv, 236-9.

Wherefor If ther be eny thyng that he wold desire y wull that he haue it.

To my cosyn Richard Ryke a cuppe of syluer couered and for to fynde to gramer scole my cosyn his sone William xx marcs for the tyme of iiij yere.

To my cosyn Margrete Dowrigge a stondyng pece of syluer couered.

To John Anglesey my seruant x*l*z. &c.

To Thomas Bishoptre x*l*z.

To Thomas Gylbert x*l*z.

To John Gardynere xxv*z*. viij*z*, and a Riding gowne with the hode.

To sir William Julian xij marks for to syng for me with a special Colect.

Executors Richard Sturgeon, John Sturgeon thelder, Thomas Frowyk, son of Harry Frowyk, and Thomas Ryke.

Proved 8th June in the year aforesaid.

[Testator was once Rector of Avenyng, dio. of Worcester, in 1414 he became "custos" of the free chapel of Alveston-juxta-Weare, *i.e.*, Alston Sutton, and in 1416 Rector of Wraxall; he resigned this benefice in 1433.

(See *Som. Incs.*, 303.)

Prebendary Coleman has pointed out (*Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, vi, 73) that all but one of the incumbents assigned to Allerton up to 1482 by Archdeacon Archer (*Som. Incs.*, p. 6) should have been assigned to Alston Sutton.

This will is printed in full in *Fifty Earliest English Wills*, E.E.T.S. No. 78, with notes by Dr. Furnivall.]

## 1455. WILLIAM HOGGEKYNs.

[3 STOKTON. FO. 23.]

I, William Hoggekyns, citizen of the city of Bath, 20th July, A.D. 1455, make my last will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel of St. Katherine in the church of the Blessed Mary de Stall of Bath aforesaid.

I will that all and singular my debts in which I am lawfully bound shall be faithfully paid.

And afterwards I bequeath to the procurators of the said church, and their successors for ever, all that my tenement

wherein I have dwelt in the city aforesaid, and all my goods there for ever that they may have me specially prayed for (*ut omnia bona mea ibidem pro perpetuo habeant specialiter in Recommendacione*).

Item, I bequeath to the use of the chapel of St. Katherine there, 6os.

Item, I will that I shall have a priest, a suitable and honest man, to celebrate in the said chapel for — years after my decease, for my soul and the souls for which I am lawfully bound.

Item, I will that Joan, my wife, shall have, to her, her heirs and assigns for ever, all those lands and tenements I have in the town of Bristol and in the said city of Bath.

Item, I release to John Wayte all the debt he owes me.

Item, in like form I remit to John Bryann, sadler, all the debt he owes me.

All the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Joan, my wife, that she may dispose and do for my soul as she would wish that I should do for her in like case, and I constitute her my executrix.

In witness whereof to this present I have affixed my seal.

Proved 13th August, 1455, and administration committed to the executrix, in the person of Thomas Goosee, her proxy in this behalf.

### 1455. JOAN AYSSHE.

[6 STOKTON. FO. 41.]

20th February, A.D. 1455. I, Joan Aysshe, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to holy burial within the church of Yeville, before the altar of the Holy Trinity next John Blakelere, my husband.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells 3s. 4d.

Item, to my parish church aforesaid, 20s.

To the house of the Friars of Dorchester (Dorsetie) 13s. 4d.

Item, to the house of Friars of Ilchester, 13s. 4d.



Item, to the house of Friars Carmelites of Bristol, 13s. 4d.

Item, to the poor of the almshouse (*domus elemosinarie*) in Yeville, for one whole year, to each person every week 6d.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to John Asshe, my husband, whom I constitute my executor.

Proved in the year abovesaid (the day and month not stated), and administration committed to the executor named.

### 1455. JOHN GILBERT, GENTLEMAN.

[6 STOKTON. FO. 44.]

10th March, A.D. 1455. I, John Gilbert the elder of Estcammel, gentleman, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary of my parish church of Estcammel.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells 12d.

Item, to Sir Robert Clerk, vicar of Estcammel aforesaid, 40s.

Item, I bequeath and ordain 21*li.* 6s. 8d. for a chaplain to celebrate for my soul for four years.

Item, I will [after] my death (*obitum*) within ten days one thousand masses shall be celebrated for my soul and the souls of my parents.

Item, I will there shall be distributed to the poor in clothes woollen and linen, and in money, to the value of 100s.

Item, I bequeath to each of the five lights (*luminibus*) in the church aforesaid 12d.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Christian my wife; and I make the said Christian, and William and John, my sons, executors of my will.

These being witnesses:—Sir Robert, the vicar aforesaid, and William Tanner, chaplain.

Proved 7th May, 1456, and administration committed to the son John abovesaid, with power reserved to commit administration to the other executors when they shall come.

## 1456. MASTER JOHN BROWYN.

[16 WATTYS. FO. 119.]

18th November, A.D. 1456. I, Master John Browyn, rector of the parish churches of Hardington, co. Somerset, and Dieulo [Duloe], co. Cornwall, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Hardington aforesaid.

I bequeath to Isabella, my sister, for her good labour,  
6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item, I bequeath to William Lyffe, my servant, 40*s.*

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Margaret Courtenay, wife of William Courtenay, knight, and Sir Hugh Lyffe, chaplain, to dispose for the good of my soul as shall seem best to them; and I make them my executors.

Proved 12th August, 1474, and administration committed, &c.

## 1456. ROGER GOOLDING.

[16 STOKTON. FO. 130.]

20th February, A.D. 1456. I, Roger Goodling (*sic*), of the parish of St. Michael without the North gate of the city of Bath, in the presence of Sir William, parish chaplain of the church of St. Michael aforesaid, and of Hugh Gooldyng and many others, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Cathedral Church of Wells 4*d.*

Item, to the work of my church, 3*s.* 4*d.*

To the high altar, for tithes and offerings (*oblacionibus*) forgotten, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to Roger Goolding, son of Hugh Gooldyng, one silk girdle (*zonam sericam*) barred with thirty silver bars (*stipatam*)

*cum stipis argenteis triginta*) with pearls and mordaunt<sup>1</sup> (*cum perlusclis<sup>2</sup> et mordaculo*), six silver spoons, a furred gown (*togam penulatam*), which fur (*penala*) is called "Oter."

Item, to Thomas Byrkill, my son-in-law (*filio meo legali*) one furred gown (*togam penulatam*) with a mantle called "Irysshatre."<sup>3</sup>

Item, to a suitable priest (*sacerdoti*) to celebrate all the divine services (*servicia*) for my soul in the said church, 9 marks.

Item, to each priest (*sacerdoti*) being at my obsequies (*exequias*) at vespers and at mass on the morrow following, 4d.

Item, I release to my son, Hugh Goolding, all the debts he owes me.

Item, I have delivered with my own hands to my executors twelve dozen of cloth (*xij duodenorum pannorum*) to pay all the abovementioned, as well to the priest as the other legacies.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Ellen my wife, and constitute her and Hugh Gooldyng, my son, my executors.

Proved 5th April, 1457, and administration committed to the executors named, in the person of Thomas Goose, their proctor.

<sup>1</sup> The girdle of Riches in Chaucer's translation of the "Romaunt of the Rose" is thus described :

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The mordaunt, wrought in noble gise,  
Was of a stone full precious,  
The barres were of gold full fine,  
Upon a tissue of sattine;  
Full heavie, great and nothing light,  
In everiche was a besaunt wight."

<sup>2</sup> Ducange gives *perlula*, diminutive from *Perla*, margarita.

<sup>3</sup> In 1436 "Irish wollen, lynyn cloth" is mentioned, and in 1547 "Irish fryce."  
—(N.E.D.)



## 1457. AMICE GREGORY.

[9 STOKTON. FO. 66.]

A.D. 1457, 7th April, Sunday. I, Amice Gregory, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Bruton.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells, 20*d*.

Item, to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Sarum, 20*d*.

To the fabric of the parish church of Bruton, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To Agnes, daughter of Richard Weston, one silver pot (*ollam*).

To Eleanor, daughter of the said Richard, 10 marks of silver.

To Thomas Palington, six silver spoons.

Item, I bequeath to each priest (*sacerdoti*) serving in the said parish church present at my obsequies (*exequias*), 4*d*.

Item, to the Prior and convent of Staverdelle, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to Amice, my servant (*servienti*), one brass pan (*patellam*) containing 6 gallons (*lagenas*) and one sheet (*linthiamen*).

Item, to John Chamburleyne, one brass pot and one garment<sup>1</sup> (*flammeolam*).

Item, to John Weston, son of the said Richard Weston, one silver salt (*solarium*), one piece (*peciam*) of silver, one cup (*ciphum*) called "Note," and a silver girdle (*zonam*).

Item, to Sir John, parish chaplain of Bruton, 2*s*. 6*d*.

Item, to George Mulward, my servant (*servienti*), one brass pot, one cover (*coopertorium*), one sheet and 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, I will that my executors shall pay to a suitable priest (*sacerdoti*) celebrating for my soul for one whole year, 8 marks of silver.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the parish church of Stalbrgge, 3*s*. 4*d*.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed I give to

<sup>1</sup> A garment usually of silk (Martin's *Record Interpreter*).

Richard Weston and John Weston, my son, whom I make my executors.

Proved 7th July, 1457, and administration committed to Richard Weston, with power reserved for committing administration to the other executor when he shall come, and desire to take upon him the burden of such administration.

### 1457. JOHN BEDILL.

[10 STOKTON. FO. 72.]

I, John Bedill, of the town of Portbury, in co. Somerset, "husbondman," on the 6th day of May, A.D. 1457, make my will in this manner :—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of the Blessed Mary of Portbury aforesaid, in the North part of the said church, before the altar of St. Anne there.

Item, I bequeath to the said church to make a chalice (*calicem*) 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath one cow to sustain a lamp (*lampadem*) in the said church.

Item, to four lights (*luminibus*) burning in the said church before four altars, four bushels of barley (*ordei*).

To my six godchildren, six bushels of barley.

Item, to Joan Pille, one ox and one steer (*boviculum*).

Item, to John Scalparte, one "sparked" steer (*boviculum sparcatum*) and all my pigs (*porcos*).

Item, to Alice Hullok, one half part of a cow and of a calf.

To Joan Hullok, the younger, one half part of a calf.

To Joan Pille, six bushels of barley.

Item, I bequeath to the works (*operibus*) of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew of Wells, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the parish church of Porteshed, 20d.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to John Herne and Thomas Herne aforesaid<sup>1</sup> (*sic*) of Portbury aforesaid, and I make them my executors.

<sup>1</sup> They have not been previously mentioned.

In witness whereof to this my will I have affixed my seal, these being witnesses :—John Baker the elder, John Stanbrigge the elder, and John the younger, John Hill the elder, Walter Wareñ, Thomas King and John Hillary, and others.

Proved 22nd August, 1457, and administration committed to the executors, in the person of John Hayne "*literati*," their proxy in this behalf.

### 1457. ALICE BALSHAM.

[9 STOKTON.]

7th May, A.D. 1457. I, Alice Balsham of Yevilchester, co. Somerset, widow, make my will as follows :—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Friars Preachers in Yevilchester.

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of St. Andrew, *4d.*

Item, to the Friars Preachers aforesaid for having my burial (*sepultura*) there a piece of cloth of gold called *le palle*.

Item, I bequeath to the church of the Blessed Mary the Less in Yevilchester a pair of censers (*censurarum*) and a ship of latten (*navem de auricalco*).

Item, I bequeath to the church of the Blessed Mary the Greater, *12d.*

Item, to the church of St. John there, *12d.*

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give wholly to William Balsham otherwise called Selborne, my son, to dispose thereof at will as of his own goods, and to dispose thereof for my soul as he hopes to please God. Moreover I give and bequeath to the said William all my burgages, lands and tenements in the town and fields of Yevilchester and Northover, to have to the said William and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. And if he happen to die without lawful issue, then I will that the said premises shall wholly remain to Thomas Chapman and his heirs for ever.

And of this my will I make these executors, to wit, my said son William and John Balsham, clerk.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal.

Proved 1st June, 1457, and administration granted to [name omitted] one of the executors named, with power reserved for the other.



## 1457. THOMAS HALLE.

[10 STOKTON. FO. 79.]

11th July, A.D. 1457. I, Thomas Halle, of Fressshford, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the church of St. Peter of Fressshfeld.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to the cathedral church of Sarum, 12*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Fressshford, one chalice (*calicem*) of silver gilt (*argenti deaurati*), with paten (*cum patena*).

Item, one pair of vestments of blue (*blodio*) damask (*damasco*).

To the church of the Holy Trinity of Bradford, a silver cup (*ciphum*) with a cover (*coopertorio*).

Item, to Nicholas, my son, one bowl of silver gilt (*unam crateram argenti deaurati*).

Item, a silver cup (*ciphum*) "*le Borders*" gilt, with a cover (*coopertorio*); and one horn (*cornu*) with a "*Bugil*" harnessed (*harnesiata*) with silver.

Item, I bequeath to Agnes, my wife, one entire bed (*lectum integrum*) with one feather bed (*cum uno lecto de plumis*).

Item, to Edith Caynell, my daughter, one silver bowl (*crateram*) with a cover (*coopertorio*), and twelve spoons; also, one entire bed.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John, Rector of Fressshford, one poignard (*baselardum*) harnessed with silver (*harnesiatum cum argento*).

Item, to Robert Kaynell, chaplain, one blue (*blodiam*) gown (*togam*) furred (*penulatam*), and one entire bed.

Item, to Edward Kaynell, one gown (*togam*) embroidered (*stragulatam*) and furred (*penulatam*).

Item, to William Kaynel one embroidered gown (*togam stragulatam*) "*lunatam*" *anglice* "lyned."

Item, I bequeath to William Gaffard, one silver bowl (*craterum*).

Item, to John Danyel my servant (*servienti*) one gown of burnet (*de burnetto*), lined.

Item, to William Mey, one blue gown lined.

Item, to Agnes Norse, one silver bowl, two spoons and one black bed (*lectum nigrum*).

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Nicholas Halle, my son, whom I ordain my executor.

Proved at Lambeth 9th November, 1457, and administration committed to the executor.

### 1457. JOHN CAMMELL.

[24 STOKTON. FO. 186.]

On the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, A.D. 1457, I, John Cammell, clerk, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial.

I will that immediately after my death, or as soon as conveniently may be, my executors shall appoint (*exhibeant*) a suitable chaplain to celebrate in the chapel of the Holy Trinity and of St. John the Baptist in Dychesyate for my soul, and the souls of William and Alice my parents, the souls of my brothers and sisters, and of Nicholas Frome, late Abbot of Glaston, and of John Frank, clerk, and of my other benefactors, continually for two years; and another suitable chaplain to celebrate for the souls aforesaid in the chapel of the Blessed Mary of Budleghe for four years, receiving yearly 9 marks.

Item, I bequeath 40s. to be distributed amongst the poor of the said town of Dychisyate.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Buddeleghe a certain set of vestments of red colour.

Item, I will that 40s. shall be distributed among the poor on the day of my burial and trental, so that each of them have 1*d.* at least.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Monkton, 13*s.* 4*d.*

To the fabric of the church of St. James of Hurtecote, 3*s.* 4*d.*

To the fabric of the church of Kyngewardestone, 3*s.* 4*d.*

To the fabric of the church of Stooone, 3s. 4d.

To the poor dwelling in the hospital of Glastonbury, 3s. 4d.

Item, to Sir John Cutteryne, chaplain, 3s. 4d.

Item, to William Fulbroke, chaplain, 2s. 6d.

Item, to every priest (*sacerdoti*) present at my obsequies (*exequias*) and burial, 12d. to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to John, son of William my brother, 10 marks, one whole bed, one brass pot and one pan (*patellam*).

Item, to Anne, sister of the said John, 100s.

Item, to Edith, John Cammell's wife of Buddeleghe, 10 marks.

Item, to the Abbot and Convent of Glaston, 100s.

To Agnes, daughter of John Kittes, 10s.

To Lucy, wife of John Seymour, 6s. 8d.

To Joan, who was wife of William Porter, if she survive me, 20s.

To Joan, wife of John Kittes, 20s.

Item, I will that 30s. be forgiven to John Aisshe and Alice his wife of the debt they owe me.

Item, I bequeath to each of my godchildren, 12d.

Item, to John Lottesham, my kinsman (*consanguineo*) 40s.

Item, to William Kene my clerk, 20s.

Item, to Richard Wodeward, one of my clerks, 40s.

To Joan, daughter of John Cammell of Buddeleghe, 10 marks and a piece of silver gilt outside (*ad extra deauratam*) with a cover.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of Bustelesham, 5 marks.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of Stavverdale, 40s.

Item, to Master John Hobbes, vicar of Buddeleghe, one breviary (*portiforium*).

To Joan, daughter of Robert Cammell, 40s.

Item, to Edith, late wife of John Scott, 3s. 4d.

Item, to John Pride, my servant (*famulo*) 6s. 8d.

Item, to William Cubball, 3s. 4d.

To Thomas Hooper 3s. 4d.

To John Gosmere 6s. 8d.

To Thomas Pryde, my servant (*servienti*) 13s. 4d.

To Henry Boys, late my servant (*famulo*) 3s. 4d.

And to execute this my will I appoint John Cammell of



Buddeleghe, John Porter, Thomas Mark, John Lottesham and John Kyttes my executors, and to each of them undertaking the burden of this will I give and bequeath for his labour 5 marks.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, after my debts are paid, I give to the said John Cammell of Buddeleghe and Thomas Marke, to dispose for the health of my soul in the best manner they shall know.

In witness whereof to these presents I have affixed my seal.

Proved 25th July, A.D. 1458, and administration committed to John Cammell and Thomas Mark, executors, &c., with power reserved to commit administration, &c.

[1435, April 13. John Cammel instituted rector of Ditcheat. Patron : Glastonbury Abbey. *Som. Incs.*, p. 79.]

#### 1457. EDWARD SEINT JOHN.

[12 STOKTON. FO. 93.]

20th October, A.D. 1457. I, Edward Seint John, lord of Luccumbre, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Luccumbre.

I bequeath to the repair of the great bell (*campane*) broken (*fracte*) in the church aforesaid 40s.

Item, to the construction of the new belfry (*campanilis*) in the church of Lapford, 40s.

Item, to the repair of the belfry broken in the church of Seleworthi, 40s.

Item, I bequeath to Agnes Basse, my servant (*servienti*) one house at Stotleghe Luccumbre, by me newly repaired, with the garden to the same adjacent, and a pension of 10*li.* for her life to be received from the fruits and rents of the same manor of Storleghe Luccumbre.

Item, I bequeath to the said Agnes eight oxen and one waggon.

Item, to Ellen, my servant (*servienti*), one cow.

The residue of my goods I give and bequeath to William my son and heir, and constitute him my executor (*sic*), and Sir John Andrewe, rector of the church of Seleworthi, Richard Wike, and the aforesaid Agnes Basse.

Given under my seal.

Proved before the abbot of Clive, in a certain chapel of the Blessed Mary of Clive, diocese of Bath and Wells, 22nd December, 1457, and administration committed to William, the son and executor named.

### 1457. EDITH GASKYN.

[II STOKTON. FO. 87.]

1st December, A.D. 1457. I, Edith Gaskyn, widow, make my will as follows:—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. Cuthbert of Wells, 3s. 4d. (*sic*).

Item, I bequeath to the said church six of the best sheep (*oves*) that I have.

Item, to the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the said church, one gold ring and six second-best (*secundas meliores*) sheep (*oves*).

Item, to a priest (*presbitero*) to celebrate there for a year for my soul and the souls of all my friends, 9 marks.

Item, I bequeath to Master John Stokes, vicar of the said church, for tithes forgotten, 20d.

Item, to Sir Robert Ward, parish chaplain of the said church, one basin with a ewer (*pelvim cum lavacro*), one "pelowe," two blankets (*lodices*), one pair of sheets, two silver spoons and one "gowneclothe" of "violet,"

Item, to three holywater clerks (*aquibaiulis*) serving in the said church, three sheep.

Item, to Sir Henry Hayne, one small cup covered and gilt, with that intent, that he be one of the executors of this my will.

Item to Isabella Thomas, of Newe [street] aforesaid (*sic*), one gown (*togam*) of "violet" furred (*penulatam*).

Item, to Agnes Basset, one gown of blood colour (*sanguinei coloris*) "grayned" and lined (*duplicatam*).

Item, to John Baker one gown (*togam*) of blue furred with black fur.

Item, to the parish church of Puteltown, 6s. 8d.

To the fraternity of St. Mary Magdalene there, 3s. 4d.

To the parish church of Osmington, 3s. 4d.

To the parish church of Stepehill, 3s. 4d.

To the image of St. Mary of Swell, one gold ring with a stone (*cum lapide*).

Item, to John Gerard, my son, my best cup, one silver salt (*salarium*), twelve spoons, and one gold ring with a stone called a "Diamunde."

Item, to Joan, daughter of the said John, one girdle (*zonam*) and one "Owche" of gold.

To Elizabeth, daughter of the said John, a girdle and an "Owche."

To Edith, wife of the said John, one girdle and one gown of "Cremesynne" furred (*penulatam*).

Item, to Robert Gerard, my son, one cup, twelve spoons, one feather-bed (*lectum plumale*) with one "bolster," two "pilowes," two blankets (*lodices*), two pairs of sheets, one "Quylt," and a red cover (*coopertorium*) of "Say."

And if it happen that the said Robert is dead, I bequeath the same to Thomas, son of the said John Gerard.

Item, I bequeath to John Kaynelle, one covered bowl (*craterem coopertum*) with "la printe" in the bottom (*in fundo*) thereof, and one "knoppe" upon the cover thereof, gilt.

Item, I bequeath to my principal house (*principali domo mee*) of Chesilborowford, for the store (*stauro*) there, one great brass pot and one "Cauderyn."

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to my son John Gerard and to Henry Hayne, whom I make my executors.

Proved 25th February, 1457, by John Gerard, to whom administration was committed, with power reserved to commit administration, &c.

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## 1458. SIR THOMAS TREGENVEN.

[14 STOKTON. FO. 107.]

A.D. 1458, November 3rd, within the rectory house (*mansum*) of the parish church of Nortone under Hamedone, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, in the presence of me, the notary public, and of the witnesses underwritten, there appeared personally the discreet and honest man, Sir Thomas Tregenven, rector of the parish church of Norton under Hamedone, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, and made his will in this form :—

I, Thomas Tregenven, seeing the danger of death draw nigh, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in holy burial in the church of the parish where I shall happen to die.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells 2s.

Item, to the work of the house of Friars Preachers of Yevilchester, 3s. 4d.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Sir Richard Riche of Wells, chaplain, and to Richard Betty, serving-man and household-servant (*servienti et famuliari domestico*) of the honest man William Carent of co. Somerset, esquire, whom I ordain my executors.

Given at the place and date abovesaid, these honest men being witnesses :—Brother John Lenham and William Danwelle, of the diocese of Bath and Wells.

Proved 28th November, A.D. 1458, and administration committed to Sir John Riche, executor named, with power reserved, &c.

[1456, October 31. Tho. Tregannan instituted rector of Norton sub Hamdon. *Som. Incs.*, p. 153.]

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## 1458. STEPHEN FORSTER.

[15 STOKTON. FO. 112.]

4th December, A.D. 1458. I, Stephen Forster, citizen and fishmonger (*piscenar*) of London, make my will in this manner :—

My body to be buried in the church of St. Botulph near Belyngisgat, London.

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the same, for my tithes and offerings forgotten, if there be any; and that the rector there may specially pray for my soul, 40s.

Item, to the fabric of the body of the same church, 40s.

Item, to the maintenance of the fraternity of the most glorious virgin Mary and of St. John the Baptist founded in the same church, 40s.

Item, to the rector of the church of St. Stephen in Walbroke, London, to pray for my soul, 20s.

Item, to the fabric of the body of the same church of St. Stephen, 10*li*.

Item, to each order of the four orders of Friars Mendicants in the city of London, 40s.

Item, to the lepers dwelling in the lepers' houses of St. Giles in the Field, le Loke and Kyngeslond near London at the time of my death, 6*li*., to be delivered to them within two months next after my decease, viz., to each of the same three houses 40s.

Item, I bequeath 10*li*. to be laid out by my executors within four years next after my decease, for victuals and linen and woollen clothing (*vesturis*) to be therewith ordained and provided for the infirm within the house or hospital of the Blessed Mary of Bethlehem without Bisshopisgate, London, in the meantime detained (*medio tempore detentis*), and to be ministered and delivered to the same infirm people in the meantime as may be necessary.

Item, I will that my executors shall weekly after my decease distribute from my goods one penny to each prisoner detained and to be detained in the prisons or gaols within the city of

London and the suburbs thereof and the liberty of the Abbot of Westminster, so long as 20*li.* shall last for this purpose.

Item, I will that my executors shall distribute 100*s.* in pence amongst the poor and infirm lying (*cubantes*) within the hospitals of the Blessed Mary outside Bisshopisgate, London, Elsyngspetill within the city of London, St. Bartholomew in Westmythfeld, London, the Blessed Mary of Runcywale near Charryngcrosse, and St. Thomas in Southwerk, as long as the said 100*s.* shall last for this purpose.

Item, I will that my executors shall give 20*d.* to each person delivering a public sermon of God (*dicenti sermonem dei publicum*) before the men thronging together (*confluentibus*) as the custom is at the cross of St. Paul, London, and the cross of the hospital of the Blessed Mary outside Bisshopisgate, London, as long as 10*li.* from my goods shall last for this purpose, to the intent that each person delivering such sermon shall declare my soul to be recommended in the devout prayers of the people standing by (*cistantis*).

Item, I bequeath to the performance (*performacionem*) of that part of the stone bridge (*pontis lapidate*) recently begun to be built (*de novo edificari inceptam*), where a wooden bridge hitherto existed, at London Bridge towards Southwerk, 20*li.*

Item, I bequeath to the reparation or fabric of the bridge of the city of Rochester in co. Kent, 100*s.*

Item, to the old works of the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Paul of London, 40*s.*

I bequeath 20*li.* to be laid out (*exponendas*) by my executors about the buying of an honest vestment (*honesti vestimenti*), and other ornaments for the church of the Blessed Mary of Staunton Drue in co. Somerset, where I was baptized (*de sacre fonte susceptus*), best and necessary for the use of the said church and the wardens (*custodibus*) thereof.

Item, I bequeath 20*li.* to be distributed by my executors in the marriage of poor girls, the relief of poor widows and other poor and needy persons dwelling in the said parish of the Blessed Mary of Staunton Drue and other three parishes next adjacent, within two years next after my decease.

Item, I will that every secular priest dwelling within the city of London at the time of my death within seven days following



next after my decease shall celebrate their mass and pray specially for my soul in the same mass, and shall have for their labour 1*d.* each.

Item, I will that my executors out of my goods shall find in the University of Oxford or Cambridge, at the pleasure of my said executors, a certain chaplain, master in arts, not tied by scholastic duties (*studio vacanti*) and preacher of the word of God, a well-known (*famosum*) man, suitable in character (*moribus*) and honest in life, to celebrate for my soul in such University for ten years following next after my decease, and that the same chaplain shall receive for his salary 100*s.* every year.

Nevertheless I will that such chaplain, on every feast of the Nativity, Easter, Pentecost, and on certain other feasts of the year most fitting (*congruis*) shall visit Agnes my wife, wheresoever she shall then be living, and shall bide with her (*secum expectet*), if it please the said Agnes, at the costs and expenses of the said Agnes, until he return to the aforesaid University.

Item, I will that Thomas Forster, my brother, of Staunton Drue, shall have of my goods for the maintenance of his brother every year during his life 10 marks.

Item, I bequeath to John Forster my nephew, son of the said Thomas, 20*li.*

Item, to John Forster, son of the said John, 40*li.*

Item, to John Forde of Norton Malereward, son of William Ford my kinsman (*cognati*) of Norton Hautefeld in co. Somerset, 10*li.*

Item, to Walter Forde, brother of the said John, 10*li.*

To William Forde, son of the said William, 20*li.*

Item, to the fabric of the body of the parish church of the Blessed Mary, Redcliff, Bristol, 10 marks.

To each order of the four orders of Friars Mendicants in the town of Bristol, 20*s.*

Item, to the reparation of the church and place (*loci*) of the Priory of nuns of St. Mary Magdalene, Bristol, 100*s.*

Item, to the poor and infirm (*infirmis*) lying in the hospital of St. Bartholomew of the same town, 5 marks, to be distributed to them in pence at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to the common boxes<sup>1</sup> (*communibus Pix*) of my mystery (*artis*) of the Fishmongers of Oldfisshestrete, Thamestrete and Briggestrete of the city of London, to the use of the poor and needy of the same mystery, 20*li.*, to wit, to each such box (*pixidi*) 10 marks.

Item, I bequeath to the common box (*communi pixidi*) of the mystery of grocers (*mistere grocerorum*) of the city of London, to the use of the poor of the same mystery, 10*li.*

Item, I will that Margaret Brendwod of London, widow, shall have of my goods, to the maintenance of her brother every year during his life, 26*s.* 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath to Margaret Sutton of London, widow, 20*li.*

Item, to Joan, wife of Hugh Wyche, mercer of London, and daughter of the said (*sic*) Richard Woodecok, whilst he lived, of London, salter, 20*li.*

Item, to Edith, wife of Arthur Ormesby, 10*li.*

To Thomas Clere, late my servant, 10*li.*

To Agnes his wife, late my servant, 10*li.*

To Margaret, daughter of the same Thomas and Agnes to her marriage, 10*li.*

Item, to John Roant, late my servant, 10*li.*

To Richard Alberton, late my servant, 10*li.*

To William Kerver, citizen and mercer of London, 10*li.*

To Joan, wife of the said William, for her good service rendered to me in keeping my books (*in custodiendos libros meos*), 20*li.*

Item, to John Hore, my servant, 10*li.*

Item, to William Daniell, my servant, 10*li.*

To Richard Fors, my servant, 5 marks.

To Sir William Drayton, chaplain, 40*s.*

To Sir William Helwys, chaplain, 40*s.*

To John Sharnell, carpenter, and to Joan his wife, late my servant, 5 marks.

To Agnes Sendale my servant, 10 marks.

To Alice Cook my servant, 10*li.*

To each of my godsons bearing my name, 13*s.* 4*d.*, and to each of my other godsons and goddaughters, 6*s.* 8*d.*

<sup>1</sup> Pyxis, "Thesaurus, fiscus publicus, locus, ubi asservantur pecunie publicæ." (*Ducange.*)

Item, I bequeath to Godfrey my cook, 26s. 8d.

To Martin my servant, 26s. 8d.

To John Bristowe being in my house, 100s.

Item, I bequeath to Master Thomas Gyburhale, clerk, that he may be overseer of the execution of this my will, 10*li*.

Item, to Master William Clif, clerk, in the same manner, 10*li*.

Item, to William Kerver abovesaid, in like form, 10*li*.

To William Ruggewik, 5 marks.

To Margaret, wife of the late John Melborne, grocer, 10 marks.

Item, I bequeath to William Cannynge of Bristol, merchant, undergoing (*subeunti*) the burden of the execution of this my will, for his labour, 10*li*.

Item, to Robert Forster, my son, 1,000 marks to be delivered him when he comes of lawful age.

To my son Stephen Forster, 1,000 marks as above.

To my daughter Agnes, 500 marks at her lawful age or on her marriage.

I bequeath to John Forster my son, 1,000*li*.

To Agnes, my wife, in name of dower, 2,000 marks and all my gold, silver, and gilt cups (*ciphos*), vessels, basins (*pelves*), ewers (*lauacra*), pots (*ollas*), spoons and salts (*salsaria*), and all my other jewels whatsoever, which weigh altogether by Troy weight 303 marks 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces.

The residue of all my goods not hereinbefore bequeathed I give equally between my wife and my said son John, whom I make my executors together with William Cannynge of Bristol aforesaid and Thomas Moore of London, gentleman. And I make Master Thomas Gyburhale and William Clif, clerks, and William Kerver, citizen and mercer of London, their overseer.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal. Given at London.

Proved 27th December in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the said Agnes and John Forster, with power reserved to commit administration to William Cannynge, the other co-executor, when he shall come, &c.



## 1459. ROBERT HUNGERFORD, KNT.

[17 STOKTON. FO. 133.]

22nd April, A.D. 1459. I, Robert Hungerford, knight, lord of Hungerford, of Heytesbury and of Hamelethe, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to ecclesiastical burial before the altar of St. Osmund the Bishop and Confessor in the cathedral church of Salisbury.

Item, I bequeath to the canons residentiary, vicars, choristers, chaplains of the founders of the chantries in the cathedral church of Sarum (*Cantarias ecclesie cathedralis Sarum fundatorum*) and to the other ministers (*ministras*) (*sic*) of the church aforesaid, to celebrate the exequies of the dead and mass, and to do other divine services (*divinia*) and solemnities, on the day of my burial, *videlicet*, to be divided among them in form there in such case accustomed and from of old time used.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Sarum my best blue cope (*blodium capam*) of cloth of gold of velvet.

Item, to one thousand priests (*presbiteris*) saying the exequies of the dead, commendations, seven penitential psalms with litanies (*latenijs*) accustomed, to each of them 12*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Convent of the house of Edyngdon, to pray for my soul, 5 marks.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of the Carthusian house of Henton, 5 marks.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of the Carthusian house of of Whittham, to pray for my soul, 5 marks.

Item, to the house of the Religious (*religiosorum*) of Maydenbradley, of my patronage, to pray for my soul, 100*s.*

Item, to the Prioress and Convent of Ambresbury, two copes of white damask cloth.

To the parish church of Heytesbury, one vestment for the priest (*presbitero*), deacon and subdeacon, with two cloths for the altar of blue and white silk powdered with stags, and two copes of the same suit.

Item, to the aforesaid church of Heytesbury, one gradual, covered with calfskin (*coreo vitulino*) and 5 marks.

Item, to the parish church of St. Anne of Teffont Eweas, one silver chalice, or 30s. to make one new chalice.

Item, to the parish church of Farley Hungerford, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to the perpetual chaplains (*perpetuatis*) celebrating in the chapel which my father lately founded in the cathedral church of Sarum, to each of them, to pray for my soul, 40s.

Item, to the rector of the parish church of Farley Hungerford, 20s.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of the Friars Preachers at Sarum alias Fyssherton, 5 marks and one cope at the discretion of my executors.

Item, to the Prior and Convent of the Friars Minors at Sarum, 40s.

Item, to the poor-house (*domui pauperum*) of Bethelheim outside the gate called Bisshoppesgate of the city of London, 40s.

Item, to the poor-house of Bradford, 6s. 8d.

To the poor-house of Heytesbury, 20s.

Item, I bequeath for my funeral expenses, and for black cloth to be bought and divided amongst my servants and friends to whom I have been accustomed to give my livery (*liberatam*) during my life, and also to the two perpetual chaplains (*perpetuatis*) celebrating in the chapel of St. Leonard in the castle of Farley Hungerford, and for other expenses on the day of my burial, 100*li.*, or more or less at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to Margaret, my most dear consort, one vestment of silk cloth of gold (*de panno serico*) of red and green colour, with two cloths (*pannis*) for the altar, of the same colour, one great missal (*magnum missale*) one chalice (*calicem*) of silver and gilt, one small bell of silver gilt, a little pyx (*pixillum*) of "Cokeff<sup>1</sup> de perle" with a "crucifixe" silver gilt, two "Cruettes" silver gilt, one vessel for holy water with one "*aspersorium*" of silver.

Item, to the said Margaret, one pair of basins covered with silver with my arms with labels at the bottom (*in fundo*).

Item, two basins with two "Ewres" of silver with my arms, impaled (*partitis*) with the arms of my said consort at the bottom (*in fundo*).

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.*, cockle-shell.—(*N. E. D.*)

Item, to the said Margaret, two salts of silver "chased," half part gilt, half part white.

Item, to the same, two silver gilt spoons and six spoons of silver.

Item, to the same, three silver candlesticks (*candelabra*) with "snoffes" lately made in London.

Item, to the said Margaret, two silver pots (*ollas*) "god-runded" with my arms, with labels, half part gilt and half part white.

Item, two silver pots, "potellers," with the said arms on the covers.

Item, to the same, two silver pots, "quartlers," with the said arms on the cover.

Item, to the same, two "Crateres" of silver, bordered (*bordur*) and gilt.

Item, to the same, one bowl (*craterem*) of silver gilt "standyng," with a cover, and one "archangill" on the said cover.

Item, to the same, one bowl of silver gilt "standyng," with a cover, which the lord (*dominus*) bought of a lady for 4 marks.

Item, to the same, one silver bowl with a cover, called "Caunterbury cuppe."

Item, to the same, two silver "Chargeours," twelve silver dishes (*discos*) and twelve silver "sawceres," with my arms "*de labett*."<sup>1</sup>

Item, to the same Margaret, one silver cup with "floc" (*cum floe*), half part white and half part gilt, called "Ledubelle Cuppe," and gilt within.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Hungerford, knight, Lord Moleyns, my son and heir, two silver gilt basins "pounced" with knots (*nodis*) of "sykols."

Item, my largest almes disshe of silver made in the shape of a hand (*ad modum manus fabricatam*).

Item, to the same Robert my largest "dorcer"<sup>2</sup> of "Arras" of Duke Giles (*de duce Egidio*) with two "Costers"<sup>3</sup> of the same of "Arras" to the same "docer" pertaining.

<sup>1</sup> Label, a mark of cadency distinguishing the eldest son of a family.—(*N. E. D.* See also *Bury Wills* (Camden Society), p. 35.

<sup>2</sup> Dorser (Dosser), an ornamental cloth used to cover the back of a seat or as a hanging for the wall.—(*N. E. D.*)

<sup>3</sup> Coster, a hanging for a bed, the walls of a room, &c.—(*N. E. D.*)



Item, to the said Robert, my best bed of "Arras" with three "curteyns" of "Tartaryne," and seven "Costers" of "Arras," to wit, of hunting, hawking, fowling (*aucupacione*) and other divers sports (*ludis*), of my new "arras," containing in length 58½ yards.

Item, to the same Robert, two "Auter clothes" with one "frountell" of red "velvett" "crymesyne," with divers "Compassis" of "sikels" curiously embroidered (*curiose embrowdať*), and divers "curteyns" to the same pertaining, with all the apparel for priest (*presbitero*), deacon, and sub-deacon, and with my two copes (*capis*) of the same cloth (*panni*) made with "orphares" well embroidered (*embrowdať*), together also with my two other copes (*capis*) of "Purpille satyne," figured (*figuř*) with "orphares" of blue (*blodio*) "velvet" cloth "figury" of gold.

Item, to the same Robert, my small breviary (*portiforium*) and my small missal.

Item, to the said Robert, my ring of gold, with the four Evangelists engraved (*impressatis*) upon the same.

Item, to the said Robert, my own sword "*cum capitello sanguinario*."

Item, I bequeath to Edmund Hungerford, knight, my brother, a pair of "fflascons" silver gilt, with arms, which are in the custody of the said Edmund.

Item, I bequeath to the Lady Margaret Rodney, my sister, one image of St. Mary of silver gilt, with my arms under (*sub*) the feet thereof.

Item, to the repairing of the highway called "le Cawsway" in Stanwykmersshe, which Walter, late Lord Hungerford, my father, built for the health of the soul of Katherine, his late consort, and my mother, 25 marks.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Hungerford, son and heir of Robert Hungerford, Lord Moleyns, one bed of cloth of white velvet, well embroidered, on such condition that the said Thomas at the time of his death shall bequeath (*dimittet*) the said bed to his next heir male.

Item, to Thomas Tropponell, one silver cup "standyng," with a cover, with my arms cut in a sun (*in uno sole*) at the bottom of the same.

- Item, I bequeath to Arnold Hungerford, my son, 100 marks.  
Item, to Mary Hungerford, my daughter, 100 marks.  
Item, to Isabel Wallsh, 66s. 8d.  
Item, to the marriage of Sybil, my wife's female servant (*famule*), 10 marks.  
Item, to John Mervyn, 6*li.* 13s. 4d.  
To Gregory Westby, 66s. 8d.  
To William Hawsok[es], 100s.  
To Robert Osberne, 66s. 8d.  
To John Fawsill, 40s.  
To John Maydeman, 100s.  
To William Lecford, 66s. 8d.  
To William Middleton, 40s.  
To John Tewe, 53s. 4d.  
To Thomas Langford, 53s. 4d.  
To John Batson, 66s. 8d.  
To Robert Longe, 66s. 8d.  
To Robert Elderton, 53s. 4d.  
To Robert Smewyne, 40s.  
To William Browderer, 53s. 4d.  
To John Norman, 53s. 4d.  
To John Baker, 40s.  
To William Smewyne, 40s.  
To William Barthram, 40s.  
To John Ferrour, 40s.  
To William Maseland, 53s. 4d.  
To Thomas Merock, 40s.  
To Thomas Drewe, 26s. 8d.  
To Bartram Moore, 26s. 8d.  
To Thomas Chamberlayne, 26s. 8d.  
To William Aisshman, 26s. 8d.  
To Gillañ Cooke, 20s.  
To John Weyland, 20s.  
To Thomas Peers, 20s.  
To William Pagett of the kitchen, 10s.  
Item, I bequeath to Gregory Westbury, one black bed of "worsted" embroidered "*cum trastellis glaucis*," and with all "costers" to the said bed pertaining.  
Item, I will that for six weeks immediately after my decease



my executors shall keep and maintain Margaret, my wife, and all other my servants (*servientes*) then residing in my house and household (*familia*), as they have during my life been accustomed to be maintained, to the intent that during the said six weeks they may each provide for themselves in such ways and manners as shall seem most expedient to them.

(English.) Item, where as ther remayneth of the residue of my lord my fader's goodes two beddis of clothe of gold, the oon red, the other blewe, with testours, celours, curteynes of tarteron, with all the costers of Tapistriewerke perteyning to the same beddes, and also a bed of Tapistriewerke, callid the bed of bestis with cattis of the mountayne, for the which beddis, to goddes lawe mot it be, I have doon in werkes of charite for the sowle of my said lord more thenne they be of valour, wherefore of my conscience I take them as myne owen, and give and bequeath them to my sonne Robert Hungerforde, lord Moleyns, or what other persone that God disposith to be myne next heire, charging him that he leve the said beddes with all their appurtenaunces to his next heire, And so that for all wayes as longe as the said beddes will endure they remayne from heire to heire in worship and memorie of my lord my fader Walter, Lord Hungerford, that first ordeyned them and paid for them, whos sowle all we be bounde to pray fore.

Be it knowen to all men that I the forsaid Robert Lord Hungerford haue put in feoffament alle the Londes and tenementes with their appurtenaunces I had within the shires of Wilts, Somerset, Dorset, Devonshire and Cornewall for divers causes that folowe &c.

First be it knowen that I the said Robert and Margaret my wife have che vessid and borowed of divers gentilmen and marchauntez the summe of 3000 marke sterling for the first payement of the Lord Moleyns fynauce, Wherefore I woll and charge all thoo persones that I haue of speciall trust enfeoffid in all my said landes as they woll answer afore God that whenne God hath take me oute of this lief they suffer my said wife and suche a persone or persones as she will depute and assigne to take and Receiue all the issues profitis and Revenues commyng or growyng of all my forsaid londes till suche tyme as all myne other dettes be paid, my Childeryn and my seruantes Rewardid,



and this my present testament in euery Article fully performed. And yet all this notwithstanding, I Require and pray my said wife at such tyme as the Lord Moleyns commyth into Ingland that she yeve to him yerely tyll suche tyme as this my last wil be fully executid 200 marc or 300 marc to helpe him to lyve with to his honor and worship, or more or lasse after her discrecion, for I knowe wele she that hath be so kinde to her sonne in his absence, she cann not be unkynde whenne he is present. And all this performed that before is specified I charge my said feoffees suche tyme as the Lorde Moleyns woll require thaim that they relesse to him all suche astate as they haue in the said Lande. Alway prouided that my forsaid wife haue a sure astate as hir counsell can best devise for hir in hir joyntor and dower according to the lawe of the lande.

Item, I exhorte pray and hertly biseche you my said sonne Lord Moleyns, that Lykin as ye woll to be doon for your self such tyme as God lustith to calle you owte of this present life, that ye suffer your moder and the persones that I haue put in trust to execute and performe this my last will in every Article, and that ye grugge not with nothing comprisid herein. And I beseche inwardly God yeve you his blissing, and as ferforth as any fader hath power I yeve you my blissing.

Item, I pray and charge Margaret my wife that after the 6 wekes be passed the which I have ordeigned my houshold shalbe kept to gedir afre my passing oute of this lief, that she dispose hir to take hir logging in a litill place there as she may be moost to hir comfort and worship, and in all thinges she hath doon that she be counsellid and avisid be suche persones as haue be my trewe frendes and seruantes and hirs both, and that in noo wise she put her self undre the Rewle of any singular persone. And if she do, thenne I wol and charge all thos persones that I haue enfeoffid in alle my Landes, that they in no wise suffre my said wife ne noon other persone in hir behalf to Receive or take any maner profit of my forsaid Landes, but only of suche Landes as the Lawe woll that she haue dower of, but thenne that my said feoffees suffre John Mervyn, Maister John Pers, Maister John Ulfeton to take the profittes of my said Landes to performe this my said last will. And as well all this that alle suche thinges as I haue bequethed unto hir herein that

in noo wise she take any profit thereof, but that it be sold by the supervisours of this my will, and doon for my sowle.

Item, be it knowen that where my lord my fader, whom God assoile, ordeyned and bequeathed in his testament to my sonnes Arnold Hungerford and William Hungreford, and to Mary my daughter 700 marke, I have yeve to him to manors of Flyntfeld and Felcham within the shire of Somersett, the which be of much grettor value thenne his part wold have be of the said 700 marks, wherefore I charge those persones that were or be executours to my said lorde and fader, that the hoole sum of the said 700 marks, whenne the tyme shall require it, be deliveryd to the behof and mariage of my said doughter Mary, charyng my said sonne Arnold upon my blissing that he never clayme parcell ne part thereof.

(Latin.) The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Margaret Hungerford, my wife, John Mervyn, esquire, Master John Peers and Master Richard Ulfeton, whom I make my executors. And I constitute the Viscount de Beaumont, my son Robert Hungerford, knight, Lord de Moleyns, John Fortescu, knight, the King's Chief Justice, and William, Rector of the House of Edyngton, Doctor in Theology, overseers of this my will.

Proved 7th July, 1459, and administration committed to Dame Margaret, relict of the deceased, and to John Merevyn, esquire, executors named, with power reserved for committing administration, &c.

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## 1459. ABRAHAM HOPER.

[2 GODYN.]

The 24th day of June, A.D. 1459, Abraham Hoper, clerk,<sup>1</sup> and vicar of the parish church of Custoke juxta Worle, in the county of Somerset, being sound of mind and of good memory, in the presence of John Lacy and Walter, then servant of the same Abraham, made his nuncupative will in this manner :—

His body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Paul of Custoke.

<sup>1</sup> The margin has "*Testamentum Domini Abrahe Hoper.*"

Item, he ordained that William Ruynon, "gentilman," his godson, after his death (*obitum*) should cause two trentals (*trigintalia*) of masses to be celebrated for his soul and the souls of his father and mother and of all the faithful deceased.

The residue of all his goods, &c., he gave to the aforesaid William Ruynon to dispose for his soul and the souls of his father and mother and all the faithful deceased, and he appointed the said William Ruynon his executor.

Proved at Lambeth 20th November, A.D. 1463. Administration committed to the said William Ruynon.

[1430, October 24, Abraham Hoper instituted Vicar of Kewstoke. *Som. Incs.*, p. 114.]

#### 1461. JOHN DAVY.

[23 STOKTON. FO. 176.]

16 June, A.D. 1461. I, John Davy of Briggewater, "tanner," make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the south porch (*porticu*) of the parish church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Briggewater aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Master of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist there, for my tithes forgotten, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to the vicar of the parish church there, to pray for my soul, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Item, to the four fraternities in the parish church aforesaid, to each of them 12*d.*

To each priest celebrating in the said parish church, 6*d.*

To the Friars Minors of Briggewater, to pray for my soul, 5*s.*

To the fabric of the parish church there, 2*s.* 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath to Roger Pyñ my blue (*blodiam*) gown (*togam*) furred with "fyches" (*penulatam cum fyches*).

Item, to Thomas Eyre, one gown of "Medle"<sup>1</sup> furred (*penulatam*).

<sup>1</sup> Medley, *i.e.*, mixed in colour, "He rood but hoonly in a medley cote."—*Propl. to Canterbury Tales*, 330.



Item, to Richard Grobham one gown of mine embroidered (*stragulatam*) and furred (*penulatam*).

Item, I bequeath to Joan my daughter all that my tenement wherein I now dwell in the town aforesaid, to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and to be begotten, to hold of the chief lords of that fee. Nevertheless, my will is that Matilda, my wife, shall occupy the said tenement until the day of marriage of my said daughter Joan, by the rents and services thereof due and accustomed.

Item, I bequeath to the same Joan, my daughter, my three tenements with one "Cabyne" in which John Benet now dwells, in the street of the Blessed Mary in the town of Briggewater, going (*quo itur*) towards the south gate of the said town, on the east side, between the tenement in which John Walsh now dwells on the south, and my tenement in which Robert Wever dwells on the north, to hold as above.

Item, I bequeath to Katherine, wife of Thomas Eyre, my daughter, my tenement in the same street in which John Hancock now dwells, to hold as above. And if it happen that the said Joan and Katherine die without issue, then I will that all the tenements aforesaid shall revert to the said Matilda my wife for her life, and after her decease to the heirs of me, the said John Davy, for ever.

Item, I bequeath to my wife all the said tenement in which Robert Wewer now dwells, and all other tenements and burgages that I have in the town aforesaid not above bequeathed, with remainder, in default of issue as abovesaid, to my right heirs.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to my said wife, whom I make my executrix. In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents.

Proved 19th July, 1461, and administration committed to the excutrix named, in the person of Nicholas Collys, notary public, her proxy in this behalf.

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## 1463. HUMPHREY STAFFORD, KNT.

[29 GODYN. FO. 239.]

3rd September, 1463, I, Humphrey Stafford, knight,<sup>1</sup> make my will in this manner :

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary, in the monastery of Glaston.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church, 20s.

Item, to the Cathedral Church of Wells, 66s. 8d.

Item, to each priest (*presbitero*) at Glaston night and day at the time of the obsequies (*exequiarum*) of my burial, 12d.

Item, to each servant (*servienti*) of the said church, aiding at the obsequies (*exequiis*) and mass (*misse*) aforesaid, 8d.

Item, to each poor person there present, 2d.

I ordain my executors William, Bishop of Winchester, John Wyloughby, knight, John Cheyne, William Brounyng, Richard Gildou [Gildover], Roger Bekensawe, and John Kendale ; and I give them the residue of my goods not above bequeathed, to dispose for the health of my soul.

(English.) Also my verrey and parfyte will is that my ship plate and all other my gobelletes and goodes moveable make satisfaccion unto such folkes as the Prior of Mocheleigh [Muchelney] knowys that I have offendid ageyn, for I have at diuerse tymes told hym, which is nott now in my Remembrance ; one is for that I was sherve, and therefore examyn well Jewe and Clavisay, my officeris, for part they can tell you. Also my will is that such folkes as at diuerse tymes in going forth have been hurt by me or myne, and speciall by my commaundement or deede, or that I was pryve to, in payng of money more than their will was, horse or any other thinges, that satisfaccion be made by your grete wisdomes, as may be moost dischargeable for my soule, and in like wyse be doon to theym that I have hadd money or any other goode of by constraynt ayen their will, or in any other fourme unlawfull, as my comyng home fro yorke felde, or any other season or tyme, be recompensid therefore.

<sup>1</sup> The margin has "*Testamentum Comitiss Devonie.*"

Also I will that if any man have been wrongfully doone to, for lyueloode which shold pteyne to my self or any other pson by forsyble entrays or by supportacion in my unlawfull title, that therin ye see a redresse.

And also my will is that the lord Clynton and other which makis clayme to diverse of my landes be comeued with, and heir title sayn, and if their title be better an myne, then that ye charge myne heirez to recompense or agree with ham. And say that I charged ham so as they will answeare afore God at the dredefull day of Dome. And if I lyve I wull doo myself within short tyme. And that ye remember my treu servants, that they may have sum what by your discrecion, and all my dettes be paied, I have no leysure to do as I wold, Wherefor I put all my faith and soule in trust in you which have guyding of all, desiring you and in his name which all maade adverteysing you that ye which in my lyfe here have loved me and y you bothe desire you no more but to love the pover soule which cannot help hym self When he is departed from hense, but standeth in the mercy of God and lokith after refute and comforte which shold come fro this world by the remembrance of executors and feoffez of trust made in this forsaid world, which bith so of verray trust maade will not forgete the forsaid pover soule the pylgryme, and so I charge you as ye will answeare afore the high Juge which shall deme both you and me And that I have no cause to crye upon you at the dredefull day of Dome. And doo for me in this world when I am goon and I trust on Jesu to doo for you, and in all thinges that ye yeve credence to my gostly fadir the Prior of Mocheleigh, and ye do for my soule as sone as ye see this as hastely as ye may, for the sonner the better. I can no more at this tyme but six latyn wordes, which be these, In domino confido et in vos.

In nomine Jesu. First this is my will that all this be performed here after folowyng, and my will also to be performed which is in writyng in the keypyng of thabbat of Glastenbury by my triu executors, feoffees and ministers, as they wille answeare afore God.

Item, first that thoo which were wrongfully hurt when I was Sherve may be recompensid ; The psone Jewe and Clavilsey knowis best for thay were my officers.



Item, that Sperway have 10*li*. for the ymage of golde which I hadde of hym.

Item, that it may be understand who hath right to the manoir of Bratpole, and that he that hath right to Bratpole may be recompensid, or els that they with theire goode willis forgyff me, so as I may be discharged afore God, for I have taken money in both parties.

Item, that 40 marks be deliverd to pour folkes for such causis as I have utterid to my gostely fadir Doctor Wattes.

Item, and specially, that my graunte fadir is wille may be seen by you, as for the matier between the heires of the Lorde Clynton and him, and what that is his wille sholde be doon, by the lordship of Tederington, and that by your sadde wisdomes, his soule, my fadirs and myne may be in noo perell therefor.

Item, that Stapelton may be hardde by your grete wisdomes, for he claymeth lyveloode. And as ye can thinke it best to be doon in dischargyng of our Saulys be hadde and doone and as ye can undrestand the matier.

Item, that Crapenell of Wilteshir have 20*li*. or else that he with his goode wille may please to forgyf me.

Item, that Dodsame have such money ayen as I have hadde of hym or else that he with his free goode wille wull please to forgyf me for that And for other matiers the which I have favoured mene in other wise than Reason wold.

[Here follows the tenor of the second bill:]

Item, that the preest besides Donster, which I helped to have a benefice, which as I remember was of the gift of Saint John, as Kendale knowith well, that he have the money ayen, the which summe is 40 marks or more.

Item, that the blynde man which dwellith in Sherborne or nygh to the towne that by your grete Wisdomes he may be hardde, And that he may have that he of right owith to have for he claymeth londe of my graunt fadir is yifte and money both which shold be owyng to hym.

Item, that Britte dwelling beside Cleff have 20*li*. or more for I have hadde so moche of hym and have doo not for hym after the promesse which I maade to hym.

Item, that my dettes which is owyng to any pson or wronges dieuily proued be restored as may be moost to the helth my of

(sic) soule. And in like wise my graunt fadir is dettes and my fadirs and as ye wull answer afore God at the day of dome, and as my gostely fadir Doctor Wattes more playnely wull disclose to you then this my writing maketh mencion. And to such journeyes as I have been called to by the king in the chaunging of the world lett hit be recompensid by your sadde aduyse and by the discrecion of my said gostely fadir. And that my land which is as my trust is in your trusty handez by way of Feoffement neuer departe fro you unto the tyme this is my wille with that which restes in the keping of the abbat of Glastonbury be performed, and that as ye love the helth of your own soules and in the discharging of myne.

These two billes was writen with myne owne hande the 29 day of Marche, A.D. 1467, the which specifieth parte of my wille, and the remanent restith in the kepyng of thabbat of Glasten.

Humfray lord Stafford.

First, for John Walronde and for the lande that was his fadirs.

Item, for the lande of Aston and other that was the same mannys.

Item, for thabbat of Glastenbury.

Item, of thabbat of Tavistoke.

Item, of the executoris of the preests of Montagu.

Item, of the matter bytwene pole and the preest of Ilmyster.

Item, of Bratpole.

Item, of Gybbys.

Item, of the grete booke.

Item, of the vicar of Okehampton for tething.

In as hertly wise as I can I recommande me to you and I pray you as my trust is in you afore all erthely creaturez that ye wull to remember as well for my saulys helth as boodely helth, and that in all hast ye wull to take all the plate that I have with other writing at Tyverton and to doo itt under such forme as no seruant of myne may undrestand that ye have itt. I have said to Moore that a nother man of youris is best to receyue itt and nat your self. All this your wisdoms moost guyde and if it be soo that God shalbe pleasid that I have lyfe then to kepe itt save to my use, and els that God lust to calle

me out of this world that then ye wull dispose itt for my soule as ye thinke is best to be doone and moost in espiall for thoo thinges which is in my wille that henry hake wull delyur unto you with other writings, and that ye wull tenderly to see those writings that he wull to delyuer. And whereas I have offendid to see for Restitucion, and all those writings is best to be receyued at such tyme as ye receive my plate. Also I have left writings with thabbat of Circestre and when ye come to him, by the same token that I said to thabbat, Sir, I have a goode quarrell, the which is the cause of my journey, by that token he will deliver the said writings unto you. And I pray you where any wrong hath beene to make restitution and that ye wull see that seven trentallis be song for thoo that I have thought shold have been doone and is not. And Sir William my preest can tell you. And also that ye wille to remember my pouer soule if ought come to me but goode as I have been your treu frende. And where as goodes lakkes to make restitution that ye wille by your wisdomes that by meane of a generall desire in all the shires that I have dewlyd in that euery man that I have offendid wold forgyff me and my soule. . . . Written in all haste with my hand at Circestre the 21 day of July. And where as I have writen unto you that ye shold have writings of thabbat of Circestre the same writings I send you nowe by the vicarye of Porestoke and sealed. The which I pray you not to breke in lesse then ye hire of me other tidings of me than goode.

Your trieu frende,

H. DEUNSHIRE.

First, this is part of my wille, for my wille is made of oolde, and my feoffees is my lord of Wynchester and my cousin Chayne, Bykenell, and other meny, in whom is all my trust, praying you to remember my pouer soule, the whiche I biquethe to God, to our lady saint Kateryne, to saint Umfray and to all the saintes in heuen, and my body to rest in our lady chapell att Glastenbury, and the almeshouse with pouer men preestes both and all other thinges as it is in my wille which was in my cofir that Henry Hake had the key of at Teuerton.

And also I haue writen part of my wille with my hande in diverse other billes the which is in the said cofir and also in



the bagge part which I sende unto Maister Nicholas Goffe, and that this be triuely performed by my feoffeez and doone as they wull answer therefore at the dredefull day of dome.

Also that Maister Nicholas Goffe, Maister Wattes, the warden of the Grey Freres of Exxeter, that they wulle for the saluacion of my soule goo to euery parisshe chirch in Dorsetshire, Somersetshire, Wilshire, Deuonshire and Cornewale, and to say a sermon in euery chirche in towne and other, And in somoche as I may natt recompense them that I haue offendid, that they wulle of their pytee forgyfe my pouer soule that it be nat in daunger, and I frely forgif all the worlde and biseche Jesu to forgyf me.

And that my lande neuer come in none of myn heirez handez unto the tyme that euery manne that I haue offendid be recompensid. And where as there can nott be soo hasty recompense as nedid for the welth of my soule, therefore that in mane tyme they wull forgyf my soule. And where as I haue offendid ayen my lord of Glastenbury thabbat of Tavistoke and all other Religious housez, that they wille to see theim Recompensid as is aforeseid, and that euery creature that I haue hadde lande of untrieuly as well that which came by inheritaunce as by porches that their titles be seen, and that thay haue itt to whom of right it ought to perteyne. And also that ye see the heirez of the lord of Clinton be seen to for the manoir of Tederington, as was the wille of my grauntfadir, and better for and Erdeswyke and the land besydes Honington with Stapolton and all other that can make any title, aswell Erdeswike as alle other. Writen my hande the day of my dethe.

HUMFRAY STAFFORDE.

ERLE OF DEUONSHIRE.

Proved at Lambeth 29th February, 1469, and administration committed to John Kendale, &c. Power reserved, &c.

## 1464. BISHOP THOMAS DE BEKYNTON.

[7 GODYN. FO. 50.]

I, Thomas de Bekynton, humble minister of the churches of Bath and Wells, declare my last will in these presents :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in my said cathedral church of Wells, in the chapel and place which I have already fully and perfectly disposed and prepared for that purpose.

I will that my funeral expenses shall be moderate, that they shall be rather in the recreation and relief of the poor than in the solace of the rich and powerful, according to the manner and form I have provided in this behalf and caused to be drawn up in writing.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells aforesaid 20*li.* where it shall be most needed; also 400*li.* to make twenty copes of velvet and other twenty of damask of a blue (*blodij*) colour with orfreys<sup>1</sup> (*aurifrigijs*) of similar cloths of a red colour, together with gold flowers and other embroideries, in the manner and form of a new cope of velvet of a blue colour lately made; also one whole suit for the priest, two deacons, and two sub-deacons, and the apparel (*apparatu*) of the high altar of my said church to be made of similar cloths (the sum of 105*li.* 11*s.* already paid for cloths bought to make these copes to be reckoned in the said sum of 400*li.*); so that the canons and vicars of my said church, when the occasion requires, may go in procession (*processionaliter incedere*) in one similar and uniform apparel, and not always in such diverse suits. But if any of the canons residentiary of the said church, or any others, should demand any goods of mine in the name of a mortuary, or should make any impediment or disturbance as regards my burial, it is my will that the above legacy be utterly void, and that the College of the Blessed Mary of Winchester in Oxford wholly receive and have the same.

Item, I bequeath to the said church of Wells my best whole vestment for the priest, deacon, and sub-deacon, with a cope of the same suit of precious cloth of gold, the ground (*campus*)

<sup>1</sup> We keep the old spelling (see *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 368, note 2).

whereof is green velvet, and the orfreys (*aurifrigia*) are of cloth of gold of red "tyssu" very precious.

Item, I bequeath to the same church my vestment of black cloth of gold; and a vase of silver and gilt for holy water, and an aspersorium similarly silver and gilt "swaged" of Paris work quite new, weighing 10*li.* troy. Also a pontifical "exedra" or "cathedra" [throne], gilt and draped (*vestitam*) in precious cloth of gold, to serve the Bishop of Wells celebrating mass before the high altar there in his pontificals, with two "cushinis" and a long seat (*pulminari*)<sup>1</sup> likewise of precious red cloth of gold. Also a silver cross partly gilt to serve the bishop or dean or other person executing the office in the Feast of the Purification at mass to carry his blessed candle, entirely new, weighing 43 ounces troy. Also five standards as processional banners for the season of Rogations and other suitable times, with five staffs (*hastis*) painted in red and green.

Item, I give to my cathedral church of Bath thirty copes of the better red cloth of gold, with orfreys (*aurifrigijs*) of similar cloth of a blue colour, together with two broad and one narrow frontal and two purple curtains for the adornment and apparel of the high altar there, with a whole vestment for the priest, deacon, and sub-deacon, and a cope for the bishop or prior of the said church of cloth of gold of Venetian work with orfreys (*aurifrigijs*) of feather work (*operis plumarij*). Also my best "*osculatorium pacis*," silver and well gilt, weighing 30½ ounces.

Item, I bequeath to Winchester College, Oxford, my best silver gilt cross, well enamelled (*bene anielatam*)<sup>2</sup>, with a silver staff for bearing the same (*pro eadem baiulanda*), of 10 lbs. troy weight. Also my great and precious Bible written in four volumes, which I will shall be chained (*cathenari*) in the library there, for the use of those wishing to study in the same (*ad utilitatem studer<sup>2</sup> volencium in eadem*).

Item, to the same college my whole suit of vestments of white damascene cloth with all the apparel of the same. Also my two new *antiphonaria* of which the one begins on the 2nd folio "*sacerdos*," and the other "*saluare*," and my best

<sup>1</sup> A mistake for *pulvinari*.

<sup>2</sup> The word *anel* means (i) to anoint with oil, (ii) to enamel.—(*Pronpi. Parv.*, p. 11, note 5.)



"*gradale*" with silver clasps which begins on the 2nd folio in *Rubro* 8° m., &c., and my large silver pomander<sup>1</sup> (*pilam*) to be used there at the high altar in the time of winter to warm the hands of the priests celebrating there when there is need.

Item, to the college of the Blessed Mary near Winton my second best cross of silver gilt and well enamelled, of like form and fashion with the like silver staff for carrying the same, in troy weight 9 lbs. 10 ounces.

To the same college my two new "*antiphonaria*," of which the one begins on the 2nd folio "*E. Reg.*" and the other "*tensiam tua*," also my whole suit of vestments of green cloth of velvet with orfrees of cloth of purple colour embroidered with gold flowers and with this verse on them "*Laus Deo*," likewise of cloth of velvet, viz., two large frontals and one "*frontale strictum*" and two green curtains of tartarin for the adorning of the high altar and one whole vestment for priest, deacon, and sub-deacon of the same suit and of similar cloth of velvet with seven copes of the same suit.

Item, to the same college two silver candlesticks (*candelabra*) for the altar of Parisien work, in troy weight 3 lbs. 10 ounces.

Item, to the Hospital of St. Katherine near the Tower of London, of which formerly I was Master, everything which I did while alive for the usefulness of the place, my entire green vestment for Sundays, "*de panno aureo cuius campus est coloris rubei*," namely for priest, deacon, and sub-deacon, with two large frontals "*et uno stricto*" and five copes of the same suit, and two curtains of red tartarin cloth. Also to the same Hospital, 40s. to be distributed there by my executors at their discretion among the brethren, sisters, chaplains, clerks, and choristers there, so that on the trental of my death they shall solemnly say for my soul "*exequias mortuorum cum commendacione animarum*" and mass of Requiem on the morrow, also that they have my soul specially and by name commended among other benefactors of the place: my executors to pay to the same place in recompense for wax consumed at the said time 10s.

Item, to each of ten poor women of the same hospital, "*ut*

<sup>1</sup> A silver vessel, like an apple, filled with warm water, for the priest to warm his fingers during excessive cold, to prevent accidents in handling the chalice, was called a pomander. (Pugin's *Ecc. Arch.*, 146.)

*ipsi pro anima mea diligenter et devote causam orandi habeant et sic realiter et de facto orent,"* 6s. 8d.

Item, to the parish church of Sutton Courtenay, of which I was once Rector, one entire suit or vestment of the better kind of red and cloth of gold for priest, deacon, and sub-deacon, and one cope of the same cloth with orfrees of similar cloth of blue colour.

Item, I bequeath 100s. among poor parishioners there, and especially those sick in bed (*clnicos*) and blind, if there are any, to be distributed at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I bequeath 100s. among poor parishioners of Bedwyn, of which formerly I was prebendary, under the same conditions as at Sutton, and I will that in each of the said churches of Sutton and Bedwyn on the 30th day after my death "*exequie*" shall solemnly be said with commendation of souls and mass of Requiem on the morrow, and that each chaplain being present shall have 8d. and each clerk being present 4d.

Item, I bequeath to the parish church of Bekynton my copper cross gilt, with the pediment of the same (*pedamento*) and with a staff for bearing the same (*baculo pro eadem baiulanda*) likewise copper and gilt. And a censer (*thuribulum*) likewise copper and gilt. Also a dominical vestment of green "Satyn" with orfrees (*aurifrigijs*) of cloth of gold of red colour.

Item, to the Augustinian Friars within my diocese of Bristol, 20s.

To the Friars Minors at Bruggewater, 20s.

To the Friars Preachers at Yewelchester, 20s.

I bequeath the sums which follow to ten honest priests of good conversation, apt and disposed to study, and either staying or about to stay in the University of Oxford, not having a sufficient exhibition, and especially those who belong to my diocese, according to the discretion of my executors "*et per eos eligendis quorum fidem et consciencias in hac parte ante tribunal Eterni Judicis onerandas esse,*" and I will that my executors perform this "*fidiliter indifferenter et sine favore,*" and that these priests so elected promise that they will for the space of three years from the time of their election faithfully and diligently pray and celebrate their masses for my

soul and the souls of my parents, friends, and benefactors, and especially for the souls of Lord Humfrey, once Duke of Gloucester, and of Lord William of Wykham, formerly Bishop of Winchester, and of Master John Elmer and Walter Thurstorp, my benefactors, and of all the faithful dead, and I will that each of these priests shall receive annually 100s., and if any vacancy occur among these priests, it shall be filled up by my executors. I bequeath to the exhibition of ten poor scholars not having a sufficient exhibition in the said University of Oxford, to be selected from my diocese, 10*d.* each weekly. And I will that, in this bequest, the poor boys of my chapel who are now there or will be at the time of my death, of whatsoever diocese they may be, be preferred before others for this exhibition. I bequeath to each "*domicellus*" in or of my family at the time of my death 100s., and to each "*valectus*" 5 marcs, and to each "*garcio*" 40s., and each of my servants to receive their wages and clothing for three months after my death and to be provided for for that time in some honest inn (*hospicio*). I will that my goods shall be deposited in some safe place, and after an inventory has been made one of my executors shall superintend the sale of them.

I will and ordain that my executors shall give my future successor in my cathedral churches aforesaid to pacify (*pacificandum*) him, and to redress (*redimendas*) unjust vexations in this behalf, so that he may not impede, hurt, or molest them in any way in the execution of this my last will, since certainly no just cause exists in that behalf as is well known to all who knew my great costs and expenses on and about my entry into the state of my benefice, about the reparations and maintenance of the same, 100*l.* of money, although I had received nothing either in money or money's worth from my predecessor by cause of reparation, though, nevertheless, he is notoriously known (*notorie nescatur*) (*sic*) to have received from the executors of Nicholas Bubwith of good memory, his predecessor, in money 1600 marks, and in other goods, such as mitres, jewels, and other precious things, to the value of 1200 marks; and although my said predecessor left all and singular the manors and places belonging to my bishopric as though with no reparation done during the time, eighteen years, that he sat in this seat.



Item, I give and bequeath to each of my underwritten executors undertaking the burden of the execution of this my will, 20*li.*, and I ordain my executors Master Hugh Sugar, my chancellor, John Pope, canon, and Richard Swan, provost (*prepositum*) of my cathedral church of Wells; whom I will that John Touker, my registrar, shall assist; and to the same, for his work and labours in this behalf, I bequeath 10*li.*

In witness whereof I have left this my present testament closed under my great pontifical seal. Given in my palace of Wells the twelfth day of November, A.D. 1464, and in the 22nd year of our consecration. There being then there present Master Thomas Bromehale and Thomas MerSSH, canons of my cathedral church of Wells aforesaid, and the upright (*probo*) man Robert Stowell, esquire, witnesses to the premises specially called and required.

Proved 23rd January in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executors named.

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### 1465. ROBERT WARRE, ESQ.

[10 GODYN. FO. 73.]

7th July, A.D. 1465, I, Robert Warre, esquire, in the parish of Kyngeston in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the conventual church of the monastery of Athelney.

Item, I bequeath to Cristina, my wife, one bowl with ewer of silver.

Item, to Richard my son, one bowl with ewer of silver.

Item, to Sir Richard Saleway, vicar of Kingeston, 6*s.* 8*d.*, for tithes forgotten.

Item, to Giles, clerk there, 20*d.*

Item, I bequeath to Andrew Godde one gown of mine of crimson, furred (*penulatam*) with marten.

Item, to Margaret, wife of Andrew Godde, one gown of blue (*blodii*) colour.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Stevyns one gown of Mustard-villars<sup>1</sup> (*musterdevilyls*).

Item, to John Clavyshay, one gown of green colour.

Item, to Robert, now Abbot of Athelney, and to the convent of that place, one pall (*pallum*) of gold, to make a vestment, to pray for my soul, and the souls of all the faithful deceased.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Cristina, my wife, and Richard, my son and heir, whom I constitute my executors.

These being witnesses, Master Richard Glene,<sup>2</sup> Prior of the Priory of Taunton, John Byshop esquire, Sir Richard Saleway, chaplain.

Proved 5th August in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executors.

[Testator was son and heir of John la Warre of Hestercombe, he was Sheriff of Dorset and Somerset 36 Hen. VI, he married Christina, sister of Sir Richard Hankford, of Annerly, Devon.

(B. W. Greenfield's *Pedigree of Tyndale*.)]

## 1466. WILLIAM KENE, ESQ.

[20 GODYN. FO. 163.]

I, William Kene of Wollewiche in the county of Kent, esquire, 29th May, A.D. 1466, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Wollewiche, in the choir there, before the image of the Blessed Mary.

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the said church, for tithes and offerings (*oblationibus*) forgotten and not paid, 40s.

Item, to the high altar of Eltham, for tithes and offerings forgotten and not paid, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Eltham, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Lodres in co. Dorset, 10s.

I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Stoke next Mertok in co. Somerset, 10s.

<sup>1</sup> A mixed grey woollen cloth, so called from a town near Harfleur where it was first manufactured.—(Fairholt's *Costume in England*.)

<sup>2</sup> He was prior in 1449; he died January 31st, 1475-6.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Mertok aforesaid, 13s. 4d.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Agnes my wife, to dispose at her discretion, and I make the said Agnes my executrix.

Item, I will that Thomas Daunce my feoffee, and my other feoffees, if any other be then alive, shall forthwith after my death, by indenture sufficient in law demise and grant to the said Agnes the manor of Aysshe, and all other lands in cos. Somerset and Dorset, which they had of the gift of Hugh Kene and Agnes his wife, and of me the said William, late son of the said Hugh and Agnes, to have and to hold to the said Agnes for the term of her life, with remainder to Anthony Kene, my elder son and heir; and if he die without issue the said manor and lands shall remain successively to Nicholas Kene, my second son, to James Kene, my third son, to George Kene, my fourth son, to John Kene, my fifth son, and then to my daughters Bridget, Cecilia, Emayn and Edith; and then to my sister Elizabeth, and lastly to my own right heirs.

These being witnesses, William Appulton, chaplain; William Frye; William Gyles; Thomas Browne, and others.

Proved 9th July, 1467, and administration committed to the executrix named

## 1466. THOMAS ASSHECOMBE.

[15 GODYN. FO. 115.]

6th October, in the yere of our Lord 1466, I, Thomas Asshecombe, make my testament in this wise:—

I betake my body to be buried within St. Clement [St. Clement Danes, London] is church or chirchyerd.

I bequeithe to the high aulter of the seid church 3s. 4d. in releysng of my tithes beyng behynd.

I will that a taper of wex of a pound weight every yere during the termes of eny housing that I have, soo that ther come so moch over the chargez, the Wennesday, Thursday and goode Friday at nyght, at the service tyme after none, be lighted, and to be amyddwardes the smale candels in the worship of our lady blessed Marie, it not to be quenched openly; and the



service doon, upon goode Friday at nyght, the forsaid taper to be sette before the blessett sacrament, ther to brenne till hit be doon.<sup>1</sup>

Also if my goodes will streche thereto I will than an honest preest have 9 marcs for a hoole yere to syng within the said chirch of St. Clement, to pray for my soule, the soulys of my fader and moder, Sir William Asshecombe is soule and Thomas Wedon is soule.

Also I bequethe to Thomas Pery my newe register unbound and my 2 rolles of the cours of the Chauncerie and all my other bundels and bokes longyng to the cours of the Chauncerie; also a gowne furrid with bever. And to the said Thomas and Agnes his wife, a bed wrethen with white, a paire of curteyns, a paire of shetys and a paire of blankettis.

I bequethe to the chirch of Chesham 6s. 8d. of Thomas Wedon is goodes, to pray for his soule.

To John Mone, a gowne of cremesyn, furrid with martees.

To Agnes Bernard, 6s. 8d.

To John Loryng, my blew gowne furrid with fochions.

To Sebill, wife to the same John, 3 silver spones.

To Margaret Baron, my servant, 6s. 8d.

I will that there be at my dirige, mass and moneth mynde noon other tapers ne Candelstikkes but such as be of the same chirch, they to be paid for after the custume and usage.

I bequethe to the chirch of our Lady of Bradford<sup>2</sup> in the shire of Somerset, wherin I took my cristendome, 6s. 8d.

I make my wife Alice myne executrice, she to fulfille my said testament, and the Residue over that if eny be she to dispose it for my soule.

Proved 3rd November, 1466, and administration committed to Alice, the relict and executrix named.

[This will is written in English.]

<sup>1</sup> This paragraph refers to the service of Tenebræ, and to the Easter Sepulchre.

<sup>2</sup> Bradford near Taunton must be meant; in Bacon's *Liber Regis* St. Giles is given as the patron Saint, and also in *Dioc. Kalendar*.

## 1467. NICHOLAS CARENT.

[20 GODYN. FO. 169.]

15th April, A.D. 1467. *In nomine individue trinitatis patris et filii et Spiritus Sancti*, Amen. I, Nicholas Carent,<sup>1</sup> Dean of the Cathedral Church of Wells, make my will in the form which follows:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the monastery of St. Frideswide [Oxon].

I bequeath the whole sum owing to me out of arrears belonging to my larger allowances for Commons (*ex arrearagiis pertinentibus magnis cois meis*), to wit, 100s. for the bell (*campana*), and the residue to the fabric of the said Cathedral Church of Wells.

Item, I bequeath to the said Cathedral Church two books, viz., one book called "*Lynwode super constituciones provinciales*," and a book which is called "*speculum Regiminis ad utrumque hominem*."

Item, I bequeath to Sir Richard Chokke, knight, and Justiciary of the lord the king, my breviary (*portiforium*), on the second folio "*Tunc fiat*," provided that the said Sir Richard shall assist my executors in all things which concern this my present will.

Item, I bequeath to William Carent, esquire, my brother, one silver goblet silver gilt (*unam ollam argent. deaurat.*).

Item, to John Carent, esquire, my brother, one silver goblet.

Item, to John Carent, esquire, my nephew (*nepoti*), one silver goblet.

Item, to Thomas Knoill, junior, my kinsman (*consanguineo*), one pair of gilt salts (*salsariorum deaurat.*), with one cover; twelve spoons and one gilt cup (*ciphum*).

Item, I bequeath to John Assheley, my kinsman (*consanguineo*), one pair of silver salts with one cover.

Item, to each of my servants (*cuilibet famulo meo domestico*), as great a sum of money as shall extend to their yearly stipend.

To the parish church of Iwern Minstre (Sarum Diocese) for the repair of the nave 40s.

<sup>1</sup> The margin has "*Testamentum Magistri Nicholai Carent.*"

To the "capelle curate" of Hamley pendent on the said church of Hamley for the repair of the nave 40s.

For the repair of the prebendal church of Yetminster (Sarum Diocese), xxs.

For the repair of the nave of the parish church of Symmesborough (Sarum Diocese), xxs.

For the repair of the nave of the parish church of Stalbrigge (Sarum Diocese), xxs.

Item, I bequeath to the reparation (*reparacionem*) of the nave of the parish church of Shepton Malett, diocese of Bath and Wells, 40s.

Item, to the reparation of the nave of the parish church of Honespyll (Bath and Wells Diocese) 40s.

To the repair of the nave of the parish church of Cheschunt (London Diocese), 20s.

To the repair of the nave of the parish church of Shepton Moyn (Sarum Diocese), 20s.

Item, to Master Simon Roo, 100s.

To Sir David Whittok, rector of Stalbrigge, 5 marks.

Item, to John Noltan, 5 marks, provided that the said David and John faithfully levy and collect all my goods, and deliver the same to my executors as soon as they can after my death.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to William Carent, John Carent, the elder, and John Carent, the younger, esquires, aforesaid, and to Simon Roo, clerk, whom I ordain my executors, to dispose of all my goods bequeathed and not bequeathed, for the good of my soul. Given at Oxford.

Proved at Lambeth 2nd November, 1467, and administration committed to John Carent, the elder, esquire, the executor, &c. Power reserved, &c.

[This will has been printed in the *Antiquary*, No. 41, New Series. (No. 162, vol. xxvii) May, 1893, p. 212, with notes by the present editor, to which we must refer the reader :—

The Carents lived at Toomer in Henstridge co. Somerset, a pedigree of the family will be found in Hutchins's *Dorset*, iv, 112. The Dean was the second son of Wm. Carent, by Alice, sister and heiress of Richard Toomer.

<sup>1</sup> A chapel with a cure of souls attached (see S.R.S., vol. x, no. 2319).



*Dates in the life of Nich. Carent.*

- 1430, ult. February.—Rector of Iwern Minster.  
 1435, July 19.—Prebendary of Ruscomb (Sar. Dioc.).  
 1436, April 3.—Rector of Symondsbury, Dorset.  
 1436 and 1438.—Principal of Vine Hall, Oxford.  
 1445, May 14.—Rector of Stalbridge.  
 1446, May 10.—Prebendary of Grimstone and Yetminster (Sar. Dioc.).  
 1446, August 22.—Dean of Wells.  
 1448, August 18.—Rector of Shepton Mallet.  
 1453, March 5.—Rector of Huntspill.  
 1459, .—Prebendary of Scamlesby (Linc. Dioc.).  
 The authorities are given in the *Antiquary*.]

**1467. ANDREW HOLES.**

[29 GODYN.]

The 22nd day of April, A.D. 1467, I, Andrew Holes, Chancellor of the church of Sarum, make my will in this manner:—

Item, *lego unum librum pulcrum continentem ymprañ et exequias mortuorum ijo fo.* “*Exurge Domine*” in choro ecclesie cathedralis Willeñ ligandum, atque stallum pertinens ad archidiaconum Welleñ pro tempore existeñ.

Item, *volo quod ymagines due beatorum Petri et Andree argentee et deaurate remaneant in usum ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis.*

*Cetera vero mea jocalia tam argentea deaurata quam non deaurata disponantur per manus executorum meorum.*

*Ita, videlicet, quod de illis que ad ministerium ecclesiasticum fuerunt verisimiliter facta, quedam cedant in usus monasteriorum de Witham ordinis Cartusiensis in Selwode, Bruton, Staverdale, Wospring, Bathoñ et Welleñ dioç, de Ambresbury et Shaftoñ Sax dioç, distribuenda per manus executorum meorum.*

Proved at Lambeth 25th June in the year abovesaid.

**1467. JOHN SPARHAWKE.**

[18 GODYN. 154.]

The antepenultimate day of May, A.D. 1467, I, John Sparhawke, rector of the parish church of Coldaston in the diocese of Worcester, make my will in this wise:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the cathedral church of the Blessed Peter of Bath, before the altar which is called the altar of majesty.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Worcester, 3s. 4d.

To the cathedral church of Salisbury, 3s. 4d.

To the church of Coldaston aforesaid, 13s. 4d.

Item, to the parish church of Chalvedon in Dorset, 13s. 4d.

To the church of St. Michael of Combe, 6s. 8d.

To the parish church of Southstoke and to the parishioners there, a good manual and surplice (*superpellicium*) and 40s. to the reparation of the missal, that they may pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to John Brodey my nephew in Dorset, 10s.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells, 13s. 4d.

Item, to each monk of Henton, 12d., to pray for my soul.

Item, to each monk of Bath, to say obsequies in the choir on the day of my burial, 20d., and on the morrow, at the mass, 20d. and the same at my trentale, and on the morrow at the mass.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of Welwe, 2s. 6d.

Item, to the Prior of Bath, to bury me, 20s.

Item, to the rector of the church of St. James of Bath, 10s. and my best gown.

Item, to the rector of Cumhawe, 2s. 6d.

Item, to Sir Thomas Chew of Wells (*Chew Wett*) 20s.

Item, to the rector of the church of Claverton, 2s. 6d.

Item, to Peter Pope, monk, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the brotherhood of St. Katherine of Bath, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the mending of the bridge of Bath, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Master of St. Mary Magdalene of Bath, 2s. 8d.

Item, to Sir John Lacok, monk, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to John Russelyne, all my wooden brewing (*pandoxatoria*) vessels and 10s.

Item, to John Combe my servant, 20s., and one great dish, one gown, and one of the largest pots.

Item, I bequeath to Joan Kyng, one gown, two blankets and two sheets.

Item, to Nicholas Cambe, late my servant, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the vicar of Inglystonne, 6s. 8d.

Item, to Marion, daughter of Thomas Lacock, to her marriage, 20s.

Item, to Thomas Perman, my servant, 6s. 8d.

Item, to Julian Lacok, wife of Thomas Lacok, 6s. 8d., one red bed-coverlet (*coopertorium lecti*) with curtuns.

Item, I bequeath to Julian Combe 10s.

Item, to Master Richard Lychefelde, doctor of laws, Archdeacon of Bath, one gilt cup with a gilt cover, to pray for my soul.

Item, to Master John Hewysse, one cup of silver.

Item, to Master Thomas Dultyng<sup>g</sup>, another cup of silver and cover of silver, to be divided between the said Master John and Thomas.

Item, I bequeath another cup of silver to Thomas Lacok.

Item, to each priest celebrating on the day of my burial where my body is buried, 6d.

Item, I bequeath to the aforesaid Masters Richard Lychefelde, John Hewysse and Thomas Dultyng<sup>g</sup>, four marks each, and I make them my executors.

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of St. James, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the said church of St. James, 3s. 4d.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to my executors, to dispose for my soul.

Proved 9th June in the year abovesaid, and administration committed, &c.

## 1469. WALTER SIDENHAM, ESQ.

[29 GODYN. FO. 235.]

2nd Apriell A.D. 1469, I, Walter Sidenham, esquier, sone and heire of John Sidenham the Elder, esquier, make my testament in this wyse :—

I bequethe my body to be buried in the newe ile of the parisshe church of Brymptone.

Item, I bequethe to the high aluter of the said parisshe church one paire of aluter clothes of Crimesyne damask, with a frontille of blak veluet embrawdred.

Item, I bequethe 20s. of peise grotes to make a boxe to put in our lordes body, and to honge over the said aluter.



Item, I bequethe to the mayntenaunce of a lampe to brenne afore our lordes body at the said aulter 11s. 8d., to be taking perpetually by the yere, wherof 6s. 8d. going oute of the londes that John Smythe of Gofford holdith nowe of me in Hidesfeld in the parish of Mountagu, and 5s. a yere going out of the londes which I purchased late of Browninge in Tyntenhille.

Item, I will that the parson of Brympton have for me to his mortuarie<sup>1</sup> a donne hors of myne.

Item, I will that my seruant William Wilson have a sorelle hackney of mine, with a sadill and a bridell, and all other my ryding harneis, that is to say, my dowbelet of fustian, a short blak gowne, and a short crymesyne gowne, my botes, my sporis, my bower and arowes, my swerd, except the silver harneys to the same swerd, which I bequethe to the making of the said boxe.

The residue of my goods I bequeath to Margaret, my wife, and to John my sonne, to dispose for the welthe of my soul as they think best, and I ordain them my executors, and to pay my debts, that is to say, to Walter Paunsfote, esquier, 10*li.*; to Parker, draper of London, 10 marks; to oon Richard Tailor of Fletestrete in London, 50s.

Item, there remayneth with the said draper 3 yards of brode clothe, violet, price 6s. 8d. a yard, in plegge of payment of part of the said 50s.

Item, I owe to Barnabie is wife of London for two pair of hosis, price I suppose 8s.

Item, I owe to Nicholas Forest, Taillor of London, 6s. for the making of a dowblet of silk of myne, and 4s. for a dowbelet of fustians to my child, &c.

Proved 22nd January in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to Margaret, the executrix named.

[This will is written in English.]

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<sup>1</sup> Mortuarium, "*Jus quod ecclesie seu illius rectori debetur, cum quis decedit.*"—(Ducange.) In the case of poorer testators, it takes the form, "for tithes forgotten," so much.

## 1469. SIMON BRAYLES.

[27 GODYN. FO. 225.]

I, Simon Brayles, on the 25th of April, 1469, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath to the high altar of the church of Ewelme, 3s. 4d.

Item, a long gown (*togam*) of blue (*blodei*) colour furred with “*le Bevir*,” with a hood (*capucio*) of the same colour, to Sir William West.

Item, I bequeath a long gown (*togam*) of “*crymesyn*” lined with “*le blak bokyrham*,”<sup>1</sup> to Master William Marton, and a girdle (*cingulum*) of black silk with seven gilt bars (*stipis*).

Item, to James Blondell, a feather bed with one “*bolstre*” of feathers (*de plumis*).

Item, a “murrey derk gown” lined with black, with a hood (*capucio*) of the same colour, to the wife of Thomas Baker of Eye.

Item, a long gown of white russet (*russeto*) to the wife of John Dalbard of Ewelme; and the hood of the same I bequeath to George de Botry.

I bequeath to my servant (*famulo*) Adam a short gown of “dark russett,” and the saddle in which he is wont to ride.

To my servant (*famulo*) Roger, “a rede geldyng trottyng,” and a saddle whereon he is wont to ride; and one bed-cover (*coopertorium lecti*), with two blankets (*lodicibus*) and two sheets whereon he is wont to lie.

To my successor in the church of Chedsey, all my furniture (*supelectilia*) remaining there.

The residue of my goods I give to John Brayles, whom I make my executor.

Witnesses:—Master William Marton, Sir William West, and Roger Wright.

Proved 5th July in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executor named.

[1464, October 3.—Simon Brailles instituted Rector of Chedzoy. (*Som Incs.*, p. 331.)]

<sup>1</sup> Buckram, a cloth stiffened with gum.—(*Fairholt's Costume in England.*)

## 1469. WILLIAM KAYLEWAY.

[27 GODYN. FO. 224.]

21st May, 1469, I, William Kayleway, the elder, son of John Kayleway, late of Shirborne in co. Dorset, make my will in this manner:—

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Salisbury, 12*d*.

Item, to the parish church of Shirborne, my new missal; and I will that the said missal shall be well and suitably illuminated and bound (*competenter illuminabitur et ligabitur*) at my costs and expense.

Item, I bequeath to the Abbot of Shirborne 6*s*. 8*d*., and to his convent, to say "*Placebo*" and "*Dirige*" and mass for my soul, 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the Vicar of Shirborne, for tithes forgotten, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the almshouse of Shirborne aforesaid, 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the Prior and his brethren of Henton, to pray for my soul, 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the White Friars of Bristol, to pray for my soul, 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the Rector of la Grene of Shirborne, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to William, my son, my two best horses with bridles and saddles (*cum frenis et cellis*) and other apparel (*apparellis*) to the said horses belonging.

Item, to William Glover, my servant (*servienti*), 40*s*., and the horse on which he is accustomed to ride, with the saddle and bridle, and other apparel (*apperellis*) to the same pertaining.

To William Daniell, my servant (*servienti*), 10*s*.

Item, to John Preston, 10*s*. to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to John, son of the aforesaid William, my son, all my lands and tenements in the county of Bristol, and in Yevelt in co. Somerset, to have and to hold to the said John and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten for ever; in default of such heir, the said lands and tenements shall remain to William, brother of the said John, and to his issue male; and in default of such heir male I will that the said lands shall remain to the said William, my son, and to the



heirs males of the body of my said son William lawfully begotten, for ever, and if it happen that the same William, my son, die without issue male, then I will that the said lands, &c., remain to the right heirs of me, the said William.

Item, I bequeath to the said William, my son, a chalice of silver and in part overgilt (*superaurāt*), two phials (*phiolas*) of silver, one "paxbrede" of silver partly overgilt (*superaurāt*), my second missal (*missale*) and my breviary (*portiforium*) and all other necessities belonging to my oratory in my messuage at Shirborne.

Item, I bequeath to the said William one silver cup which I had of the gift of Joan, mother of Joan, late my wife.

Item, to the same William one other silver cup called "Bollecuppe," to have and to hold all the aforesaid chalice, &c., to the said William, my son, and to the heirs of his body issuing, and I will that none of my heirs, under pain of my anathema, disobey or break this my will.

The residue of my jewels both silver and overgilt (*superaurāt*) I give and bequeath to John, son of my said son William, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten (&c. as before).

Item, I bequeath to the said William, son of my said son William, all my iron (*ferrum*) and all my "oode" [woad] which is in my cellar (*celario*) at Shirborne aforesaid.

Item, to Agnes, daughter of the said William, my son, 40*li*.

Item, to Alice, the other (*altero*) daughter of the said William, 40*li*. to be paid out of my debts (*de debitis meis solvend*).

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my executors, to do therewith as shall seem to them most expedient for my soul; and I ordain the said William, my son, and Thomas Cosyn, my clerk, executors of this my will.

And whereas my seal is unknown to many, I have procured the common seal of the Abbess and Convent of the House of the B.V.M. of the Cistercian order of Tarent in the said county of Dorset, to be affixed to these presents.

Proved 1st July, 1469, and administration committed to the executors.

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## 1470. JOHN POULET.

[22 Vox.]

1st December, A.D. 1470. I, John Poulet, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the monastery of Boxborve,<sup>1</sup> before the altar of the Blessed Mary of Pity (*de Piteo*) in the south part of the church aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Convent of the said monastery 200 marks, for a mass to be celebrated there daily, and to be said between the seventh hour and the eighth hour for ever.

Item, I bequeath to the parish church of Basing 40s., and to the chapel of the Holy Trinity there 40s.

Item, to the fraternity of the Holy Ghost of Basingstoke, 20s.

Item, to the cathedral church of St. Swithin of Winchester, 20s.

To the church of the monastery of Hide next Winchester, 20s.

To the parish church of Fisherton Delamere in co. Wiltes, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Bromeley 6s. 8d.

Item, to the parish church of Nony in co. Somerset, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to my chantry there, to make ornaments there, 100s.

Item, I will that one thousand masses shall be said for my soul immediately after my decease, in as short a time as they can be said; and also following upon those (*in consequenti*) that the trental (*tricenale*) of St. Gregory shall be said for my soul.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed, my debts being first paid and satisfied, I give and bequeath to Eleanor, my wife, and John, my son, that they may ordain and dispose for my soul and for the exhibition of my sons and daughters as shall seem to them most expedient.

(Probate act not registered.)

[The Official Calendar states that this will was proved in 1494.]

<sup>1</sup> The Benedictine priory of Boxgrave in Sussex.

## 1471. RICHARD DEKYN.

[4 WATTYS. FO. 25.]

I, Richard Dekyn of Brevton [Bruton] in the shire of Somerset, mercer, the "Secunday" of Septembre in the yere of our lord God 1471, make and ordeyne my testament and last will in the maner following :

I bequeath my body to be buried in holy chirche buriell, where God disposith for me.

Item, I bequeath to the chirche werkes of the chirch of Brewton, where I am parissjoner of, 20s.

Item, to the bretherhode of our lady in the same church, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the sustentacion of the bretherhode of Saint Andrewe in the chirche of Welles, 20d.

Item, I bequethe to my father John Dekyn my best gown and my best hode, and in money 40s.

Item, I will that myne executors of my goodes finde an honest prest to sing divine service in the chirch of Brewton aforesaid by a hoole yere next suyng my decesse.

Item, I bequethe to Alianore my doughter in money 10*li.*, to be delivered to hir when she comith to lawfull age or be married ; with remainder, in case of her death to my wyfe, hir moder.

Item, I bequethe to the child in my wife's wombe, if God fortune hit to have cristendome and live, 5 marc, whan it commyth to full age undre like condicion.

Item, I wil that myne executors yeve to 5 poore men 5 gownes, and also every friday by an hoole yere next ensuyng my decease 5*d.*, to pray for my soule.

Item, I bequethe to Thomas Horwelle my short gowne of grene.

Item, to the chirche of Miltone, 12*d.*

Item, to the chirche werk of the chirche of Moore (? Mere) 20s.

Item, to the chirche werk of the chirche of Brattone, 16*d.*

Item, to the chirche of Halton (Holton), 12*d.*

Item, I bequethe to the chirche werkes of Saint Mildrede in Bredstrete of London, 2s. 8*d.*



Item, to Sir John Cerne, to say a trentall masse for me, 2s. 6d.

Item, to Sir John Stowell, to pray for me, 16d.

Item, I bequethe to Maister Robert Markham, clerk, 2s. 6d.

Item, to the Almeshous of Lysty,<sup>1</sup> 20d.

Item, to John Horwelle, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequethe to eche of Ede, Alice and Agnes, my wife's daughters, 20d.

Item, to William Barbour, mercer, for his labour about the execucion of this my testament, 40s.

The residue of alle and everyche my goodes whatsoever they be, after the debtes which of right I owe paied, my burying made, and this my testament fulfilled, I yeve and bequethe holy to Johanne my wife, therewith to dispose for my soule in werkes of mercy and charite, as she wold I did for her in caas like, which same Johanne and the forsaide William Barbour of this my present testament I make myne executours. And there overseer I make and ordeigne the forsaide John Horwelle.

In witnesse of which thinges to this present testament I have sette my seale, thise being witnesse: Maister Robert Markham; Richard Smythe, Richard Morys and others.

Proved 13th November in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to William Barbour, with power reserved to commit administration, &c.

[This will is written in English.]

## 1472. JOHN SPERHAUKE.

[19 WATTYS. FO. 138.]

I, John Sperhauke,<sup>2</sup> in this form determined to express my proper will, and this note of my will was prepared with my own hand on the Feast of the Annunciation, 1472.

Item, for the good of my soul I bequeath to each priest

<sup>1</sup> A portion of Bruton is still called Lusty. In a terrier of 14 Ric. II it is called *Listhulle*. (*Bruton Cartulary*, S.R.S., viii, p. 20.)

<sup>2</sup> The margin has "*Testamentum Magistri Johannis Sperhawke*."

(*sacerdoti*) in the parish church of Hychym, there being joined to them Sir William de Byggyng, 4s. under this form, that they shall pray for me for thirty days one after another (*continuos*), the first day in the solemn exequies, and on the remaining said days they shall say that collect which is said in trentals with private exequies if they are able, but I call God to witness (*contestor deum*) that I do not wish to burden them too heavily.

Item, I bequeath to the house of the Carthusians at London 26s. 8d., to be distributed proportionately among the brethren, but let a double portion be reserved to the Lord Prior, and let them have in trust to pray for me to the Lord (*fiducialiter orent pro me ad dominum*).

Item, I bequeath 26s. 8d. to be distributed in like form at the monastery of Denney among the nuns there (*moniales*), once at the said exequies and mass, but on the following days let each of the priests (*sacerdotum*) at the mass devoutly say that collect "*Deus cui proprium*" for so many days as he shall receive pence, and let each nun for like days (*per tot*) say "*de profundis*" with the said collect.

Item, I bequeath to Pembroke College 26s. 8d., to be distributed among the fellows, and let each of the scholars (*discipulorum*) have 8d., and let them say exequies once together with mass of requiem, and let each priest (*sacerdos*) of that college have me in memory (*habeat mei memoriam*) for so many days as he shall receive pence, with that collect daily said "*Deus cui proprium*."

Item, I bequeath to the library of the same college two excellent books, to wit, Augustine on John and Gorrham on Luke.

Item, to the treasury to be distributed between the fellows (*thesaur<sup>o</sup> inter libros distribuend<sup>o</sup> inter socios*) my book of ethics and politics, or to be placed in the library if they wish.

Item, to the monastery of Stonle, 20s. to be distributed in form abovesaid, as I have previously declared with regard to the Carthusian house.

Item, let the following books be restored to the said house : first, the ancient book of sermons written in great text (*magno textu*) ; secondly the black book of sermons bound and beginning

"*Dum appropinquaret*"; the third book contains "*primarium et librum Dialagorum Sancti Gregorii*."

As regards the place of my burial let it be either at Abyngton or Hychyn; if at Abyngton, let there be distributed among the poor of that parish 13s. 4d.; if at Hychyn, let there be distributed at least 20s.

Item, I bequeath to the library of the University a book of the common gloss upon (*li<sup>m</sup> communis glo<sup>s</sup> super*) the Epistles of Paul.

Item, to the same library, if it be not found there "*librum originale*" (*li<sup>m</sup> orig<sup>e</sup>*) upon the old testament. But if it be found there, I bequeath the same book to the library of Pembroke College. But if they have the book, let it devolve to the library called Quenys College, to which college I bequeath 20s. to be distributed among the master and his brethren (*confratres*) in the manner abovesaid as to the Carthusians.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Anise and to Sir Thomas, vicar of Stacheden, to each of them one noble once for the exequies and mass aforesaid, and on all following days for so many as they receive pence, let them have me in memory in the mass, saying for me that collect "*Deus cui proprium*."

Item, to the House of Friars at Hich I bequeath 20s., to be distributed in form as abovesaid.

Item, to the House of Friars at Bedford, 20s. to be distributed as abovesaid.

Item, to the House of Syon, where Master Thomas Westaw presides, 26s. 8d., to be distributed as aforesaid, and to him "*cordiales recomendaciones*," and the book of medicine he wrote with his own hand.

Item, to Master Hugh Damelett, for a memorial of me (*pro meo memoriali*), my book with many works of the blessed Augustine; and I bequeath to him one noble, and will that 20s. shall be delivered to him to distribute in alms as shall seem good to him.

Item, to the House of Wymundle, 20s. to be distributed in like manner as abovesaid.

I will that at Asshill obsequies (*exequie*) with mass shall be said, and the vicar shall have 3s. 4d. for wax and the obsequies, and for twenty days following shall have me recommended.



(*habeat me recommendatum*) by saying that collect "*Deus cui proprium.*" There shall be distributed in bread and drink (*potu*) 5s., or more if it be thought well (*si oporteat*).

Item, there shall be distributed to the poor there 5s.

As my executors I constitute Nicholas Benike and Edmund Broun, to each of whom, for their labour bestowed, I bequeath 26s. 8d.

As overseer and adviser (*consiliatorem*) I assign John Pulter, and for his labour I bequeath to him the bed of the upper chamber, to wit, the cover, "testour" and "celour de boorde Alisandre" with three white "quyrtyns" belonging to the bed.

Item, to Mistress Alice Pulter I bequeath the image of the Blessed Virgin painted on cloth, in honour of her venerable assumption.

Item, to Sir John, parish priest of Puryton, I bequeath the book he has frequently had, to wit, the glossed psalter (*librum quem frequencius optinuit scilicet psalterium glosatum*), so that throughout his whole life he may pray for me.

Item, I bequeath to William Mylys my larger clock (*horologium*) with all its appurtenances, and it lies under the altar in my study.

If my goods will not suffice to fulfil all these things aforesaid, I will, and give license and power to my said executors with the advice of my said overseer, that they shall make default or withdrawal as shall seem best to them (*defalcacio vel retracio fiat*).

Proved 4th February, A.D., &c., 1474, and administration committed to the executors, in the person of John Beville, proctor, &c.

[Testator was Prebendary of Ashill 1451-74. (See *Som. Incs.*, p. 310.)]

### 1473. JOHN WADHAM.

[29 WATTYS. FO. 228.]

6th August, A.D. 1473. I, John Wadeham, make my will in this manner:—

I bequethe my body to the sepulture of holy chirche. And

forasmoche as I, by the grace of God, purpose to visite the holy lande, where oure lorde Jhesu suffred his blissed passion, nott knowyng the certayne of my ayen comyng, I will myne executours assone as they have knowyng of my dethe lett ordayne an obite to be hold for me att suche a place as they can thynke moost convenient.

Also I will that myne executours lett ordeigne a chalys to the chauntrye of saint katelyne of Ilmystre, of the value of 40s. or better, that I may be praied for, and Elizabethe my wife, with my ancestres.

Also I will the chirche of Brankescombe<sup>1</sup> have 20 Ewen of the best of my ground and manoir of Egge, to the store of the same chirche, while it may ordeine to hold an obite every yere the Monday next after Palmesonday, to pray for the soules of me, Elizabeth my wife, our children and auncestres.

Also I will that the stuff of the chapell of Meryfelde remayne holy to my heires in manner and fourme as it hath been ordeigned by myne auncestres and by me, as it apperith in the masse boke of same chapell, and also in a masse boke of the chauntere of saint Katelyne aforesaid.

Also upon the condicion that John myne elder sonne pay within a yere after my dethe knowen to my sonnes William and Edward his brethren, and to my doughters Jane, Margery, Elizabeth and Margarete, his sustres, 12*li.* in money, that is to say every of thaim 40s., thanne I will myne executours deliure him a couple of salt salers party gilt, a poudre boxe<sup>2</sup> all gilte, a pece called a Tunne all gilte, a standyng pece called a belle, party gilte, with a rose enameled in the botome, 2 bolle peces all white, and the oon thereof covered, a depe barbyng<sup>3</sup> basyn all white, and a dosein spones with wrethen knappes<sup>4</sup> gilte. And if God dispose that eny of hem decesse within the yere after my dethe knowen, I wulle that money be disposed for the soule or soules so decessed.

<sup>1</sup> Branscombe is situated between Seaton and Sidmouth. The church contains monuments of the Wadhams. Edge is in this parish.

<sup>2</sup> Powder-box probably for perfumed powder, which was much used for clothes; or a caster, like a modern pepper-box. (See *Bury Wills*, Camden Society, p. 239.)

<sup>3</sup> Shaving-bason, 1639 Denton in *Verney Papers* (1853), 236: "Untill you send me a pair of barbinge sissers."—(N. E. D.)

<sup>4</sup> For ornamented spoons see Cripps's *Old English Plate*, 5th ed., pp. 243-5.

Also I wulle my said sonne John have 6 oxen and a wayne at Egge, with all the apparail thereto bilongyng of housbondry, and 60 ewen and 60 lamb.

Also I wille myne executours lete fynde 2 preestes by an hole year, or oon preeste by the space of 2 yeres, to say masse and other dyvyne seruice within the chirches of Brankescombe and Ilton. And if my godes undisposed wulle not be sufficient to perfourme this my testament, I wulle it be levied and taken of the profites and issues of my landes, as it apperith by my dedes endented and written with my hande of my wille, which berith date 27 daye of Aprill the 13 yere of the reigne of Kyng Edward the 4th.

Also I make myn executours Sir John Snysmore, parson of Siluereton, my brothere William Wadeham, Christopher Coke, John Moore of Colomptone, and John Meryfelde; and I wulle that every of thaim labouryng effectually to execute my wille and this my testament have 20s.

Proved 5th December, A.D., &c., 1476, and administration granted, &c.

## 1475. RICHARD ATTE WELLE.

[21 WATTYS. FO. 154.]

24th December, A.D. 1475, I, Richard atte Welle, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. John the Baptist in Glaston.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the use of the house of Wytham in Selwode, 20*li.*, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to Alice atte Welle one whole cloth (*unum pannum integrum*); and to the son of the said Alice, another whole cloth.

Item, to Agnes Newman, one whole cloth.

Item, to Agnes Wylde, one whole cloth.

Item, to Margery Godeman, four whole cloths.

To William Godeman, one whole cloth.



To the wife of Thomas Flemmyng, 6s. 8d.

To the wife of Henry James, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to the King's ways (*viis*) of Sawey<sup>1</sup> and Strete, 20s.

Item, to the six lights (*luminibus*) of the said church of St. John, to each of them 12d.

Item, to the use of the monastery of Glaston, for tithes forgotten and to keep my anniversary every year for ever, 40*li*.

Item, I bequeath to be distributed to the needy poor, within a month immediately after my decease, 20*li*.

Item, I bequeath to Hugh Gloucester and to John Aleyn, two whole cloths apiece.

Item, to John Costerell, three whole cloths.

Item, to Agnes Chaunceller, two whole cloths.

Item, to Margaret my servant (*servienti*) one whole cloth.

Item, to Hugh Holman, one whole cloth.

Item, I bequeath to the use of the chapel of St. Benignus, one quarter of woad (*gaide*).

Item, I will that my wife shall find a suitable secular chaplain in the parish church of St. John of Glastonbury aforesaid, for the space of three years.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Joan my wife, whom I ordain my executrix.

In witness whereof to these presents I have affixed my seal.

Witnesses :—Alexander Chaunceller ; John Costerell.

Proved at Lambeth 5th February, A.D., &c., 1475, and administration committed to the executrix.

[Writing of St. John's, Glastonbury, Leland says :—

"Ther lyith on the N. side of the Quier one Richard Atwell that died circa A.D. 1472. This Atwelle did much cost in this chirch and gave fair Housing that he had buildid in the Toune onto it. In Latten called *ad fontem*. Johanna wife to Atwelle lyith buried in a lyke marbel Tumbe on the S. side of the Quier." (*Itin.*, II, 72.)

See also Collinson, II, 263 : "These 'Tumbes' are still in the church."

Joan Atwell's will was proved in 1485 (see *post*).]

<sup>1</sup> The late Mr. F. H. Dickinson said that Soweys is a tract of land once surrounded with water and comprising the modern parishes of Middlezoy, Weston Zoyland, and Othery. (*Earle's Land Charters*, 426.)

## 1475. MASTER JOHN POPE, S.T.P.

[22 WATTYS. FO. 159.]

The penultimate day of January, A.D. 1475, I, Master John Pope, S.T.P., canon residentiary of the cathedral church of Wells, and rector of the parish church of Shirde (Shere) in the diocese of Winchester, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. Gregory next the cathedral church of St. Paul of London.

Item, I will that there shall be distributed of my goods to each person present at the obsequies (*exequiis*) and mass to be celebrated for the health of my soul in the cathedral church of Wells, as shall seem most expedient in the judgment of my executors.

Item, I will and bequeath that my missal not yet entirely written or perfected be sold, and the money thereof coming shall be distributed between John Tylar and Richard Bothy according to the discretion of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to William Mysent 40s., one pair of "ffustyans," and one pair of sheets.

Item, to Richard Sadiller, 20s., one pair of blankets (*lodicum*) and one pair of sheets.

Item, to Henry Haydor, 10s.

Item, to Sir John Cantewell, one bowl (*crateram*) called "a Bolle pece."

Item, to Sir William Pope, my kinsman (*cognato*), one silver gilt bowl.

Item, I will that my executors shall sell six silver spoons, and that the money thereof coming shall be distributed amongst the poor parishioners of Henstregge.

Item, I bequeath my chalice and one breviary (*portiforium*) to the church of St. Decuman.

Item, to William Skynner, 10s.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Master Richard Swanne and Sir John Hylle, whom I make my executors.

These being witnesses: Sir Richard Lambert, William Mylcent, and John Tylar.

In witness whereof to this my present testament I have affixed my seal.

Given at London.

Proved 8 (*sic*), A.D., &c., 1475, and administration committed to Richard Swanne, clerk, in the person of Sir John Hylle, chaplain, his proctor, &c., and to the said Sir John Hylle, the executors named.

[Between the two chantry chapels so conspicuous in the nave of Wells Cathedral, there existed in Collinson's time (1790) three gravestones, parallel to each other, commemorating the last resting-places of Hugh Sugar, Richard Swann and John Pope, the three executors of Bishop Beckington. This volume contains the wills of the Bishop (proved 1464), and of his three executors, the present testator (1475), Richard Swan (proved January, 1486-7), and Hugh Sugar (proved 1489).]

#### 1477. THOMAS HYWODE.

[5 LOGGE.]

14th September, A.D. 1477, I, Thomas Hywode, burgess of the town of Wells, make my will in this manner:—

My body to be buried in the church of St. Cuthbert, of Wells.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar of the same church for my tithes forgotten iijs. iiijd.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church CC. of "woade."

Item, "*fabrice nove crucis portatilis*" to be made in the said church, half a C. of "woade."

Item, I bequeath to John, my son, a silver bowl, six silver spoons, and ten marks in money.

Item, to Isabella, my daughter, a silver bowl and cover (*coopertum*), six silver spoons, and ten marks in money.

Item, to Richard, my son, a silver bowl, six silver spoons, and ten marks in money. And I will that the said bowls, spoons, and money be delivered to the Master (*Magistro*) of the said town and his colleagues (*comparibus*) to be placed in the common chest of the said town to be safely kept for the behoof of my said boys till they shall come to the age of



24 years, and of my said daughter till she shall come to the age of 20 years, unless it shall happen that they or any of them be married before the said years, and if it shall so happen, then let the said goods be delivered to the one so married on the day of nuptials without any delay. And if one of them shall die before the terms above specified, then I will that the said goods be equally divided between the two then living. And if it happen that two of my said children die before the said term, then I will that all the said goods be divided equally between Joan, my wife, and the child so living. If all of my said children die before the said term, then I will that all the said goods shall remain to the said Joan, my wife, on condition that she pay to the said Master and his brethren *iiij*l**, to be applied to the use of the fabric of the said church. And I will that the said Joan pay yearly to the Master of the said town for the time being for the custody of the said goods, *xij*d**.

The residue of my goods I give to the said Joan, my wife, whom I make my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul. I appoint Richard Vowell, supervisor of this my will.

Proved at Knoll, 16th October, A.D. 1482. Administration committed to Joan, the relict, &c., in the person of Master William Chaunt, her proctor, &c.

## 1479. RICHARD GAWTER.

[13 LOGGE.]

23rd March, A.D. 1479, I, Richard Gawter, bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buried in the chancel of the church of St. Leonard of Stoke Gyfford, diocese of Bath and Wells.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells *xx*d**.

Item, I bequeath to the church of St. Leonard of Stoke Gyfford [*hodie*, Stoke Rodney] *xxv*j*s.*, *vii*j*d*.

Item, I bequeath to George Tayllour a pair of sheets.

Item, I bequeath to Roger Gybbons one pair of sheets.

The residue of all my goods I bequeath to William Wode,

and I appoint the said William my executor to dispose for the health of my soul.

I will that my said executor receive for his labours xxs. and my best tablecloth (*mappan*) of "diaper," my cloak (*clamidem*),<sup>1</sup> and all my books.

Proved at Knoll, 22nd July, A.D. 1480. Administration granted to William Wode, the executor, &c., in the person of Master John Bevill, his proctor, &c.

[1456, April 4, Richard Gawtier, LL.B., instituted Rector of Stoke Gifford. (*Som. Incs.*, p. 188.)]

### 1480. JOHN MERYFELD.

[13 LOGGE.]

The 25th day of February, A.D. 1480, I, John Meryfeld, of Downhed, make my will in this manner:—

My body to be buried in the parish church of Dolthing [Doulting].

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the mother church of Wells xxd.

Item, I bequeath to the chapel of St. Nicholas of Downhede<sup>2</sup> iijs. iiijd.

Item, I bequeath to the chapel of St. Giles of Lyeght [Leigh on Mendip] xxd.

Item, to each of my godsons one sheep.

Item, I bequeath to Isota, my daughter, xij sheep.

Item, to Robert Hurner that he may supervise and assist my executors, vjs. viijd.

The residue of all my goods, &c., I give to Alice, my wife, and my son, Nicholas, whom I make my executors to dispose for the health of my soul.

Witnesses: Thomas at Wode, Philip Tabo<sup>r</sup> and others.

Proved at Knoll 14th June, A.D. 1482. Administration committed to the said Nicholas, son and executor, &c., in the person of David Lougher, his proctor, &c.

<sup>1</sup> Lat. Chlamys (ephod, *Ducange*).

<sup>2</sup> This will gives the true dedication of Downhead Church. Bacon's Liber Regis, Collinson, and the Diocesan Kalendar all give *All Saints*.

## 1481. JOHN HILLE.

[4 LOGGE.]

On the 18th day of the month of May, A.D. 1481, I, John Hille, of Briggewatir, in the county of Somerset, "merchaunt" sound of mind [&c.].

In primis, I bequeath my soul to God Almighty and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Briggewatir if it shall happen that I die within seven "*miliaria*" from the church aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Hospital of St. John of Bruggewatir, impropiator (*proprietarius*) of the church aforesaid, for my tithes forgotten, xxs.

Item, to the vicar of the said church, iijs. iiij*d*.

Item, I give and bequeath to every stipendiary priest to celebrate (*celebrand*) divine services in the said church, ijs.

Item, to every altar in the said church, ijs.

Item, to the Warden of the house of the Friars Minors in the said town and the "*confratres*" of the same house there serving God, xxs.

Item, I bequeath to Stephen, my brother, for his service bestowed on me, one pipe (*pipam*) of "woode," and one tcn (*doleum*) of iron.

Item, I bequeath to Joan, daughter of John Stalenge, the reversion of that messuage with the curtilage and its appurtenances in Briggewatir wherein John Stalenge, father of the said Joan, now dwells, immediately after the death Thomasina, my wife; to hold of the chief lords [&c.].

The residue of all my goods I give to Thomasina, my wife, to dispose for the health of my soul and the souls of all the faithful, as shall seem best to her, and I make the said Thomasina my executrix.

Item, I will that John Stalenge, my brother, John Thorley, and William Gardinere be supervisors of my present testament.

Further, I will that John Kendale be the principal supervisor of this my testament.

I give to the said John Stalenge, John Thorley, William



Gardinere, and John Kendale for their labours two pipes (*pipas*) of "wode."

Proved at Knoll, 11th March, A.D. 1481. Administration committed to Thomasina, the relict, &c.

### 1481. SIMON LACY.

[13 LOGGE.]

The 22nd day of October, A.D. 1481, I, Simon Lacy, make my will in this manner :—

My body to be buried within the chancel of the chapel of St. Giles of Lye [Leigh on Mendip].

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the mother church, *vjd.*

Item, I bequeath to the aforesaid chapel of Lye one pipe of woad (*Gaide*).

Item, I bequeath to the parish church of Kilmerston *vjs. viijd.*

Item, I bequeath to Thomas, my son, after the death of Alice, my wife, twelve spoons "*cum magnis buddis, atque unum argenteum salsorium coopertum, unumque eorum ornatum argento et deauratum, ac unam stantem crateram argenteam et coopertam.*"

Item, I bequeath, after the death of Alice, my wife, to Master Thomas Adams a silver bowl covered.

Item, I bequeath to Ellen Lacy "*unum pannum laneum*" of the worth of xls., or the value of the same.

Item, I bequeath to John Lacy, *xxs.*

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Lacy, the younger, after the death of Alice, my wife, "*unum woodefate<sup>1</sup> fornacemque et cisternam plumbeam cum pipis plumbeis eidem pertinentibus.*"

Item, I bequeath to Simon Lacy "*duos pannos laneos*" of the worth of *iiij/l.* or the value of the same.

The residue of my goods, &c., I give to the said Alice, my wife, which said Alice I make my executrix to dispose for the health of my soul, &c.

Witnesses : Thomas Adams, bachelor "*in decretis*"; Thomas Lacy, my son ; Thomas Bavyn, and others.

Proved at Knoll 8th November, A.D. 1481. Administration committed to Alice, relict, &c., in the person of John Emlyn, her proctor, &c.

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.*, woad-vat.

## 1482. WILLIAM CHILDE.

[2 MILLES. FO. 10.]

23rd August, A.D. 1482, I, William Childe, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Westludford, if it may conveniently be done ; otherwise, where it shall seem more convenient to my executors.

Item, I bequeath 40s. to be distributed among the parishioners of the church aforesaid, according to the discretion of my executors and the neediness (*indigenciam*) of the parishioners.

Item, I bequeath to the College of the Blessed Mary of Winchester at Oxford one “texte”<sup>1</sup> or osculatory (*osculatorium*), of silver, carved (*sculptum*) with effigies (*effigiebus*) of the Blessed Mary and of Gabriel saluting her (*eam salutantis*), in the custody of the said college (*in custodia propria*).

Item, I bequeath to the College of Winchester, another (*aliud*) of the same form (*forme*) in the custody of the college (*in custodia propria*).

Item, to the College of the Blessed Mary of Eton near Windsor, a third osculatory or “texte” of like make with the aforesaid, carved with the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, in the custody of the said college (*in custodia propria*).

Item, I bequeath to the parish church of Addyrbyry next Banbury in the county of Oxford, a fourth osculatory (*osculatorium*) like the third, in the custody of the church (*in custodia propria*).

Item, I bequeath to Thomas, my brother, at Addyrbury, co. Oxon, if he be then alive (otherwise to his wife and his sons and daughters, living in those parts), 40s.

Item, I bequeath 20s. to be distributed to my other kindred (*cognatis*) there, at the discretion of the vicar there, and in accordance with their neediness, to pray for my soul.

<sup>1</sup> “Texte” must mean pax-brede (see *Prompt. Parv.*, 388), an ornament by which the kiss of peace was given. The rule of Sarum was to send the pax just before communion to all the faithful present, and it was given by kissing a small plate of ivory with a handle behind. Two of these paxes of English work are figured in Lee’s *Glossary*.

Item, I bequeath 20s. to be distributed amongst other poor parishioners there, to pray for my soul and the soul of Master John Clerke, formerly vicar there.

Item, I bequeath to the vicar there, to celebrate exequies and mass and mass of requiem for the souls aforesaid, 10*d.*, and to each priest (*sacerdoti*) of the church aforesaid present at the exequies and mass, 6*d.*, and to each parish clerk, 3*d.*, and to the warden (*custodi*) of the church for pulling [the bell] (*pro pulsacione*), 12*d.*

Item, I bequeath to the parish church of Westludford one suit (*sectam*) of vestments for the priest (*sacerdoti*), deacon, and sub-deacon, of "Blew velwett," to the honour of the Blessed Mary and all saints to whom the said church is dedicated (*dedicatur*).

Item, I bequeath to the said church one new missale on the 2nd folio after the Kalendar "*Semper nuper*" (*secundo fo post Kalendare / Semper nuper* ).

Item, to the College (*Collegio*) of the "*Anuellarii*" of Wells, one new legend (*legendum*), for the whole year, to be chained (*cathenandam*) in the chapel there to the use of the associates (*sociorum*) of the said College on the 2nd folio "*Propter hoc*" (2<sup>o</sup> *fo. propter hoc*).

Item, I bequeath to the said church of Westludford one pair of vestments of white "*Sarcinat*,"<sup>1</sup> with flowers and red (*rubia*) embroidery (*parrura*).

The residue of all and singular my goods I give and bequeath to Master John Blagden, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem best to him; and I make my executors Master John Riche and the said Master John Blagden.

Proved 10th May in the year abovesaid, and administration granted, &c. (N.B.—The last probate act which is dated is of the year 1487.)

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<sup>1</sup> Saracen-net, a thin silk first used in the thirteenth century, the name being derived from its Saracenic or Oriental origin. (Planché's *Cyclopædia of Costume*.)



## 1482. JOHN HOCHYN.

[13 LOGGE.]

On the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, A.D. 1482, I, John Hochyn, "wever" and burgess of the city of Wells [&c.], and my body to be buried within the church of St. Cuthbert, of Wells, before the altar of the Holy Cross in the nave of the said church.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the same church one quarter of "waide" (woad).

Item, to the parish church of St. Matthew of Woky vjs. viij*d*.

Item, to Sir Richard Hochyn, clerk, my brother, xxs. in money, and a silver bowl (*crateram*).

Item, to Joan Latyn, my sister, one quarter of "wayde."

Item, to Edith, my sister, a gown (*togam*) of blue colour and vjs. viij*d*. in money.

Item, to John Elis and Margaret, his wife, one quarter of "waide."

Item, to Sir Thomas Clyff, chaplain, vjs. viij*d*.

Item, to Welthiana, my female servant, xls.

The residue of all my goods I give to Joan, my wife, and John Calcott, husband of Joan my daughter, whom I make my executors [&c.].

I will that the said Richard Hochyn, my brother, be supervisor of this my testament.

Proved at Knoll the last day of September, A.D. abovesaid. Administration committed to John Calcott, the executor, &c.

## 1482. WALTER BAKER.

[7 LOGGE. FO. 56.]

1482, January 26th. I, Walter Baker of Wells in the county of Somerset, make my will in this manner:—

I give my body to be buried in the church of St. Cuthbert in Wells, before the altar of St. Nicholas there.

Item, I bequeath to the works of the church of St. Andrew in Wells, 6s. 8*d*.

Item, to the works of the church of St. Cuthbert aforesaid, 6s. 8*d*.

Item, to the four chaplains in the said church of St. Andrew, daily celebrating for the soul of Nicholas Bugwith [Bp. Nich. Bubwith] in a chapel there called Bugwith Chapel, 3s. 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to my son and heir William all my lands and tenements in Wells, and in the fields and suburbs thereof, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns for ever after the death of my wife Isabella.

Item, I will that after my death the said Isabella shall find an honest priest to celebrate for my soul in the said church of St. Cuthbert, at the altar of St. Nicholas, for one entire year.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to the said Isabella, whom I make my executrix.

Proved 7th October, 1483, and commission granted to the executrix named in the person of Henry Wodeland, her proctor in this behalf; the inventory is to be delivered in before St. Andrew's day next.

### 1483. RICHARD CHOKKE, KNT.

[21 LOGGE.]

The third day of July M<sup>c</sup>ccccxxxiiij I Richarde Chokke knyght one of the Kinges Justices of the comon Place beyng in my good and hole mynde and memory thanked be Almyghty God [&c.] My body to be buried if God woll in the parisshe Chirch of Asshton in the counte of Somersett in my chapell there And that there be made a *scutur* making mencion of the day moneth and ye<sup>r</sup> of my decesse Also I woll that myn expenses funeralx be don<sup>e</sup> honestly w<sup>o</sup>ute pompe or bost after the sadde discrecion of my<sup>n</sup> executors underwretyn And that ther be gevyn to every pou<sup>r</sup> ma<sup>n</sup> and woma<sup>n</sup> comyng to the seid chirch of Aishton the day of my buryng ja<sup>d</sup>. to pray for my soule.

Also I bequeth viij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. to be distributed by my seid executo<sup>r</sup>s the day of my decesse or els the day of my burying for C. masses than to be song w<sup>th</sup>in and nyghe aboute the towne of Bristow for my soule and all cristen soules that is to sey for euery masse j<sup>d</sup>.

Also I woll that ther be done dayly duryng xxx dayes next ensuyng after my seid decesse dirige and masse for my soule solempnely by note in the seid chyrch of Asshton after the discrecion of my seid executo<sup>r</sup>s And that the prestes and clerkis beyng present and helpyng at my burying and at everich of the seid diriges and masses be rewarded after the discrecion of myn executours.

And also I will that myne executours at thende of the seid xxx dayes do to be holden myn enterment and provyd that ther be had at the same xij torches and iiij tapers of conuenient weight the same xij torches to be holden by xij pore men some of them of my tenants and some of other And that eu<sup>e</sup>ryche of the seid xij poure men have for his labor and to pray for my soule a long gowne of blak frise<sup>1</sup> or white and iiij<sup>d</sup>. in money.

Also I woll that at the same myn enterment ther be made a conuenient repaste of mete and drink to all thos that than shall co<sup>m</sup> to the same And that ther be gevyn by myn executours to euery poure man and woman co<sup>m</sup>yng to my seid enterment j<sup>d</sup>. to pray for my soule.

And after my seid enterment do<sup>n</sup> I geve and bequeth asmoch as than shalbe lefte and remayne unspent of the seid xij torches and iiij tapers in maner and forme as folowith, that is to sey, two torches and the seid iiij tapers to the seid Church of Assheton, ij torches thereof to the chyrch of Staunton Drewe, one torch therof to the parish chyrch of Chewe, a nother to the parish chyrch of Pensford, a nother to the parish chyrch of Publowe, another to the parish chyrch of Norton, another to the parish chyrch of Lye byside Assheton, another to the parish chyrch of Cameley, another to the parish chyrch of Chelworth, another to the parish chyrch of Bedmynster.

Also I woll that my executours fynde a<sup>n</sup> honest seculer

<sup>1</sup> Frieze, a coarse woollen cloth, thick and warm, much used by the lower classes for jerkins, doublets, and gowns. (Fairholt's *Costume in England*.)



prest to syng for my soule and the soule of Johane late my wiff, and of my fader and moder and for the soules of William, John, William, Johane, John and John and for the soules that I am to do or pray for by the space of x yeris after my decese if I make none other ordnance or prouysioñ for a preste to sing perpetually in the seid chirch of Assheton to pray for my seid soule the soules aforeseid and all cristen soules.

Also I bequeth to the vicar of the seid chirch of Assheton for my thithes and offeringes forgotyn or negligently with holden xx<sup>s</sup>. And to the vicar of the seid chirch of Staunton for like cause x<sup>s</sup>.

Also I bequeth to the reparacion of the moder chirch of saint Andrewe thappostell in Wellis vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

Also I bequeth to the worke of the seid chirch of Staunton Drewe xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>.

Also I bequeth to the reparacion of the chapell of ou<sup>r</sup> Lady of Chewe, vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

To the reparacion of the chapell of Pensford, vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

To John Chokk my soñ ij playn basyns and ij Ewres of silver with which I am dayly servyd whan Strangers comen unto me ij salt salers of silver and overgilt w<sup>t</sup> one couer to the same which I had of Maister John Bernard and a litle chalice ij small cruettes and a pax of silver one standing Cup of silver ungilt two chaced peces of silver w<sup>t</sup> one coueryng ij salt salers of silver with one coueryng a dosen complete of my silver vesselt such as the seid dame Margaret my wiff wole assigne hym to haue and also my londis and tenementes that I have in Lamporte to haue to hym and to his heiris of his body laufully begotyn in full payment of the sūme specified in the indentures of mariage made betwene John Wroughton and me So that the same John Wroughton sele and as his dede delyver to my seid executours a general acquietaunce of all maner accions personalx [&c.].

To Richard Chokk my soñ ij standing peces couered one of silver anothir gilt ij salt salers of siluer dī gilt such as the seid Dame Margarete wole assigne, the C. mark which my Cosyñ Will<sup>m</sup> Carent gaf hym and ouer that xxxiiij<sup>li</sup>. vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

Also I bequeth to my son Will<sup>m</sup> Chokke a standing Cup couered of silver such as the seid Dame Margarete wole assigne, also a goblet which Walter late Abbot of Keynsham his

godfader gaf me for hym Also a pott of silver and xx<sup>ti</sup>/i. in money to contynue his residence.

I bequeth to my son Thomas Chokke ij standing Cuppes couered one of silver a nother gilt xij spones of silver ij salt salers of silver one therof couered two flatt peces one therof couered such as the seid dame Margarete woll assigne an C./i. in money.

Also I bequeth to my doughter Elizabeth and to my son Seymour her husbond a standing Cupp of silver covered such as my seid wiff wole assigne and xx<sup>ti</sup>/i. in money And I forgeue them the x./i. that I lent to them so that my seid son Seymor trouble not myn executours for no mater.

Also I bequeth to my doughter Johane and to her husbond a standing Cupp of silver couered suche as the seid dame Margarete wole assigne and xx<sup>ti</sup>/i. in money And I forgeue them the x./i. and the iiij./i. that I lent them.

Also I bequeth to Richard Chokk my godson son of John Chokke x./i.

To the Abbot of Keynsham xxs. to the prior there vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. to the suppriour there iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. And to euery other chanoñ there xx<sup>d</sup>. to pray for me and to se that my masse that I have at Keynsham be truly contynued.

Also I bequeth to the Abbot of Glastonbury xs. to the Prior of the same place iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. And to euery other monk there xij<sup>d</sup>.

Also I bequeth to the Priour of Bathe vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. to the suppriour there iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. And to euery other monk there xij<sup>d</sup>.

Item I bequeth to the Rectour of Edingdon vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. And to euery broder ther xij<sup>d</sup>.

Also I bequeth to the Priour and couent of euery ordre of Freris of Bristowe vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>.

To the Freres of Evelchestre vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>.

To the Freres of Briggewater vjs. vj<sup>d</sup>.

To John Staunton xx mark in money.

To William Clerk Cs.

To John Slegge that is dwelling with me x./i.

To the seid Dame Margarete my wiff CC./i. sterlinge and all the plate and goodes I hadde w<sup>t</sup> her and my thre best basyns and the ewers of silver to the same iij basyns belonging Also ij

my best standyng cuppis of silver and ouer gilt ij my best salt salers gilt ij pottes of silver vj my best gilt sponys and ij dosyn sponys of silver and a spone to ete grene gynger with, all three chaced peces of silver with one coueryng a flat pece of silver and ouergilt with a coueryng a layer<sup>1</sup> and a paxe brede<sup>2</sup> of silver and ouergilt.

Also I woll that the seid dame Margarete my wiff have the occupacion rule keping and gouernaunce of all the residue of my jewelles plate stuff of my chapell stuff of houshold and of all my other goodes and catals aboue not bequethid Except my money gold and silver coigned duryng her lyff naturall yf she kepe her self sole and be not maried.

I bequeth to my said wiff all my londes and tenementes that I have in the towne of Bristowe or ony man to myñ use except one messuage lying in Redclevestrete which was Will<sup>am</sup> late Lord Boterax and ij messuages lying in the same strete which I bought of Will<sup>am</sup> Baner to haue unto the same dame Margarete except afor excepted duryng her lyff.

Also I woll that the same dame Margarete haue the keypyng rule and gouernaunce of euerich of the daughters of John Hampton squyř and of all ther londes and tenementes in Estharpstre unto the tyme they come to ther full age and to fynde them and to reward them by her discrecion at the tyme of ther mariages. And I woll that the seid Chokke my soñ haue the third parte of all the same londis and tenementes immediatly after my seid decesse if any of the seid daughters be maried unto the same Thomas.

I bequeth añ. C.li. to be disposid and distributed by my seid executours in mariage of the daughters of John and Richard my soñes and of the daughters of Elizabeth and Iohane my daughters and xx.li. in amending of feble weyes and briggis. And I will that after the deth of my seid wiff John my son haue all my hangynges beddinge stuf and hustilmentes longing to the hall parluř chambers Chapell kechin and other houses of my maner of Assheton that remaynen unspent and unwasted by the discrecion of my seid wiff, and

<sup>1</sup> See *N.E.D.* under *lair*: it means a ewer (*lavacrum*). "1491 a layer of silver ouer gilt." (Will of Vaughan, Somerset House.)

<sup>2</sup> Pax brede, or osculatory.



all other goodes and catalx of the seid residue than remaynyng unspent except the money afor excepted and the place not bequethyn be disposid by my seid wiff and after her discrecion. And I woll that my money and plate that remayneth unbequethyn be kept by my seid executours for the defence of my londes and tenementes that I have bought, and for the clering therof yf nede be and restoř iniuries that I haue doñ. And yf any thing therof remayne aboue that as I trust to God it wole Than I wole that such money and plate remaynyng be by the advise of my seid wiff delyvered to my seid soñ John to help hym to cleř the lande which I yaf hym and his brethern And also for to pray for my said soule and the soules aforseid.

Also I require my executours that yf any persone or persones complayne upoñ me for any mysdoing wrong or iniurye dooñ by me to hym or them that than they may be restorede and recompensed therof according to right goode feith and conscience by the sad and wise discrecion of my executours and of my seid soñ John.

And of this my testament I make myñ executours the seid dame Margarete my wiffe Will<sup>a</sup>m Spenser of the towne of Bristow maister Nicholas Pyttes vicař of the parich Chirch of ouř Lady of Redcleue of Bristowe maister Thomas Dultyng Clerk to execute all the premisses. And I woll that the seid Will<sup>a</sup>m Spenser maister Nicholas Pyttes and maister Thomas Dultyng be rewarded for ther labours after the sad discrecion of the said dame Margarete.

I name to be ouerseers of this my testament my seid sonnes John, William, Richard and Thomas And I require and charge my seid sonnes uppoñ my blissing that they nor none of them presume or take upon them in any wise to lette or make impediment of this my testament [&c.] And more ouer I the seid Richard Chokke knyght reuoke repell and ulterly adnull every other testament and bequest by me made [&c.].

[Probate blank.]

## 1483. DAME MARGARET CHOCKE.

[9 LOGGE.]

The first day of the monyth of Septembre in the yere of oure Lord M<sup>c</sup>CCCClxxxiiij I Dame Margarete Chocke late wyff of Syr Richard Chocke knyght oon of the Kynges Justice of the Comyn Place [&c.] and my body to be beried in the Chirch of Aishton by my hosbond sir Richard Chocke.

To the Cathedral Chirch of Wellis vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

Also I will that the prisoners of Newgate in Bristow have every weke till the xij<sup>th</sup> monyth be passid after my decese a dosyn of brede.

Also I will that v<sup>d</sup>. be gevyn wekely to the poreste in Aysheton during xij monyth after my decese so that yt be delyvered the Fridayes.

To John Langley vj mark yerely during iiij yeres forto goo to Oxford to scole And that he be preste as sone as he may be for yeres.

I will that my shepe of Lekhampton be sold and that Norwode by them to ffor any other man yf that he will and that the money ther of be dyvided by twyxt my Cosyn Thomas Straunge and Leonard Medelton half to the toone of them and half to the tother. And as for the Oxen that the Fermo<sup>r</sup> of Lekhampton hath of myn and the corne that is to sey the iiij<sup>de</sup> sheff I will that yt be dyvided by twene John Barynger and Nicholas Baringer his brother half to the toone and halff to the tother to pray for me.

I bequeth to the Chapell of saint John Baptist of Charleton xx<sup>s</sup>.

To Chirchhynton upon the Hill in Gloceto<sup>r</sup>shyre x<sup>s</sup>.

I will that xx<sup>li</sup>. be sett to amend badde weyes in Gloceto<sup>r</sup>shire for the soule of my husbond William Gyfford and me, and that yt be Pyyth Causey as y have lett make in Aysheton.

I bequeth euery of the iiij orders of Freris in Bristow x<sup>s</sup>.

To the Freris of Yevilcester x<sup>s</sup>., and to the prisoners of Yevilcestre x<sup>s</sup>.

I will that my executo<sup>r</sup>s reward my seruantes as Richard Baker and Thomas Coke more than any other.

For William Denis that wayted upon me vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

To Jenyn his son and to his wyff xx<sup>s</sup>.

To Allhalow Chirch of Aisheton my gown of blew feluett my kyrtill of blew damaske and my profession ryng and a couerlet of tapstry werke w<sup>t</sup> eglis to ley before the hyght auter in principall festes and other tymes to be occupied on a bedde in the chauntry house to kepe yt. from mothes And I will that the procuratores of the seid Chirch se that yt be done. And as for my shepe oxen kyen and swyne I will that thei be sold for to make money therof And I will that all my money rentes and dettes that beñ owing to me w<sup>t</sup> all my other goodis that ther beñ sett in charitable dedis w<sup>t</sup> all the ovrplus therof And when my will and bequethis ar fulfillid and performyd I will the place of Worspringe have x*li*. to the bylding of ther place to pray for my husbonde sir Richard Chock, William Gyfford and for me. I will that my executo<sup>r</sup>s lete make a wyndow in Aisheton Chirch of iij dayes [*i.e.* lights] and glace yt as the thodir wyndowes beth w<sup>t</sup> my husbondis armys and myn undir neth the ymages And saynt Sondag<sup>1</sup> be the toñ of the ymagis and saynt Gregory is the tother.

Of this my last will I make myñ executo<sup>r</sup>s sir John Newton knyght, M<sup>r</sup> docto<sup>r</sup> Borton vicary of saynt Colas in Bristow and sir Heugh Walbrond my preste.

I will that sir John Newton knyght have for his labor xx*li*. and M<sup>r</sup> Borton vicar of saynt Colas x markes and sir Hugh Walbrond a C*š*.

Proved at Knoll 8th October, A.D. 1484. Commission to John Newton, knight.

### 1483. JOHN WHELER.

[8 LOGGE. FO. 58.]

Monday, the 22nd day of September, A.D. 1483, I, John Wheler, chaplain, of Briggewater, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel of the B.V.M. in the parish church of Briggewater.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. R. Garraway Rice, F.S.A., has most kindly allowed me to give the following extract from the will of John Topyn of Ripe, co. Sussex, dated 1493: "*Imagini sancti Dominici vocat Seint Sondag.*" Mr. Rice has hereby solved a problem which has long baffled archæologists.



Item, I bequeath to the perpetual "*modernus*" vicar (*vicario perpetuo moderno*) of the parish church aforesaid 3s. 4d.

Item, to each priest (*presbitero*) of the said church, 8d.

Item, to the three clerks of the said church, 12d.

Item, to the two wardens (*gardianis*) being in the said church, 8d.

Item, to the altar of St. Katherine of the said church, 3lbs. of wax and 20d.; to the altar of St. Gregory, 3lbs. of wax and 20d.

Item, to the altar of the Holy Trinity, 3lbs. of wax and 20d.

Item, to the altar of St. Erasmus, 3lbs. of wax and 20d.

Item, I will and grant that Alice Lye, of Briggewater, shall have and hold half a burgage in "le Weststrete" in Briggewater wherein John Clement now dwells, the quarter (*quarterium*) of one burgage there which Walter Martyn, Bedeman, now holds, and half a burgage in "le Frerynstrete" there, wherein the said Alice now dwells, for the term of her life; and after her decease I will and grant that the premises shall remain to John Kendale, John Drewe, Robert Philipß, rector of Chilton, John Bartelett, John Moddeslyghe and Thomas Haberfelde, their heirs and assigns for ever, to hold of the chief lords of that fee, &c. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to John Drewe, whom I make my true executor, to dispose for my soul and the souls of my benefactors as to him shall seem best. And I ordain Sir Robert Phelipß, rector of Chilton, and John Bartlett, abovenamed, overseers of this my will. And I will that the said Sir Thomas (*sic*) shall have for his labour one silver cup now in his hands, and that the said John Bartelett shall have for his labour 20s.

Proved at Knoll 26th January in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to John Drewe.

### 1483. THOMASINE HILLE.

[18 LOGGE.]

On the last day of January, A.D. 1485, I, Thomasina Hille, late the wife of John Hille, of Briggewater, merchant [&c.].

My body to be buried in the parish church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of the said town, by my husband.

Item, I bequeath to the great altar of the church aforesaid my gown (*togam*) of "violet" in grayne furred (*penulať*) *ornanend comparend ad honorem Dei et eccie p̄ dñe.*

Item, I bequeath to Master Richard Croke, the vicar there, one gown (*togam*) of "violet in grayne penulať" formerly "*uxoris mee*" (*sic*) to pray for our souls.

Item, to each altar of the said church, ijs.

Item, to each priest serving in the said church, ijs.

Item, to the Friars Minors of the same town to pray for our souls, xxs.

Item, I bequeath to build anew a sufficient house built for poor men to dwell in for ever in the town aforesaid xlii. of lawful money of England, of the bequest of my husband in his life, that the said poor men may pray for the souls of John Hille, Thomesina his wife, of our parents, and of all the faithful deceased.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Philip two pipes (*pipas*) of woad (*gaide*).

Item, to Nicholas Jobe one pipe of woad.

Item, to Joan, daughter of the said Nicholas, my best girdle (*zonam*) ornamented (*harnisať*) with silver, and gilt.

Item, to John Stallinch one pipe of woad.

Item, to Margaret, his wife, my gown (*togam*) of blue (*blodť*) colour "*penulať*," and my next best girdle of blue ornamented (*blodii coloris harnisať p̄ meliori*).

Item, to the said John Stallinch one "Fethirbede" the next best (*p̄ meliori*).

Item, to Thomas Stallinge, son of the said John, xxs.

Item, I bequeath to Joan, his wife, my gown of "Russett" furred with black skin (*penulať cum pelle nigro*) and my red (*rubeum*) [girdle] "*cum argento harnisať*," and one small red one "*non harnisať*."

Item, I will that all my necessary vessels (*vasa*) and the appurtenances of my kitchen shall be divided equally between the sons of the said John Stallinche and the sons of the said Joan, my sister.

Item, I bequeath to Agnes Russell, late my servant, one pair of beads (*precum*) of "corall" with '*singill gaudiis argenti et deaurati*.'

To Sir John Roche, my chaplain, xxs., to pray for our souls.

The residue of all my goods, &c., I will that they be sold, and of those monies my debts to be paid, and to be distributed to the poor to pray for our souls and the souls of all our benefactors and of all faithful Christians deceased by the discretion of the said Nicholas, Thomas, Philip, and John Stallinche, whom I appoint my executors, that they may dispose for the health of our souls.

Witnesses: Master Richard Croke, John Frensh, William Russell, Ralph Berne, and others.

Proved at Lambeth 22nd November, in the year of our Lord aforesaid. Administration committed to Nicholas Jobe and John Stallinge in the person of Master John Sheffield, his proctor.

#### 1484. JOHN COMPTON.

[9 LOGGE.]

The third day of May, A.D. 1484, I, John Compton, clothman, of Bekyngton [&c.].

My body to be buried in the parish church of Bekington.

Item, to the fabric of the mother church of Wells iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, to the church of Bekington viij*l*., which sum is in the hands of Master John Sayntmaur, gentleman.

Item, I bequeath to the light (*lumen*) of the high cross of the said church three cows.

Item, to the parish church of Lolyngton a reliquary (*unam tabulam*)<sup>1</sup> for the altar of the same church.

Item, I bequeath to every son and to every daughter begotten by my wife Mariona .C. marks.

Item, I bequeath to my wife Mariona .C*li*. in counted money and in woollen cloth (*pannis laniis*) x*li*.

Item, I bequeath to John, my eldest son, begotten by my other wife, a silver cup (*ciphum*) and ij "*balis de Wood*," and to every son and daughter of John Compton, the elder, begotten by [my] other wife one piece of woollen cloth (*pannum lanium*) of the worth of xxx*s*.

<sup>1</sup> Tabula, inter vasa ecclesiastica Sanctorum Reliquiis sæpius ornata. (*Ducange*.)



Item, I bequeath to Thomas Compton five pieces (*pannos lanios*) of the worth of *vjli. xs.*

Item, I bequeath to Phillippe Cupper, xls.

Item, I bequeath to John Hill, "weveř," one piece (*unum pannum lanium*) of the worth of xls.

Item, I bequeath to the rector of the church of Bekyngton for tithes forgotten and to pray for my soul and for those to whom I am bound *xxs.*

Item, I bequeath to find a fit and honest chaplain to pray specially and to celebrate for my soul and for the souls of all for whom I am bound for five years following my decease, 50 marks.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Bekyngton to find a light (*lumen*) before the image of the Holy Trinity and my anniversary yearly one close which is called "Pylkys" (*unam clausam que vocatur Pylkys*).

The residue of all my goods I give to John Compton, the elder, begotten by [my] other wife, Thomas Compton, my brother, and John Hille, "Wever," whom I make my executors, that they dispose and ordain for the health of my soul, as shall seem best to them, and that they provide (*ordinent*) all necessary victuals for my sons and daughters till they come to lawful age.

Item, I constitute William Knoyle, my supervisor, to fulfil my last will.

In witness whereof I, Thomas Roley, rector of Bekyngton, have set my seal together with the seal of the said deceased which is in the end of this testament, and the seal of the Rector on the back.

Proved at Knoll 18th May, A.D. abovewritten. Administration to the executors named.

#### 1484. THOMAS LARDER.

[9 LOGGE.]

The 3rd day of the month of June, A.D. 1484, I, Thomas Larder, parishioner of Mertoock, diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

My body to be buried within the church there.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells vjs. viij*d*.

Item, to the parish church of Mertoock vjs. viij*d*.

Item, to the vicar there vjs. viij*d*.

Item, I bequeath to Margery, my wife, all utensils and all my other goods being within my house of Mertoock at the time of making this will.

Item, I bequeath to William, my son, all my sheep which I have at Westkyngton at the time aforesaid, within the diocese of Sarum.

All my other goods I give to Margery, my wife, and William, my son, and I make them my executors.

Proved "*in palacio Cant*" 28th August in the year above-written. Administration committed to Margery, the relict, &c.

Power reserved, &c.

#### 1484. JOAN MUDEFORD.

[10 LOGGE. FO. 76.]

I, Joan Mudeforde, widow, of Glaston, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, 4 June, A.D. 1484, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston, before the image of St. Erasmus, bishop and martyr.

Item, I bequeath to the four principal lights (*luminaribus*) of the said church of St. John, 16*d*., to be divided in equal portions.

Item, to the image of the blessed Mary in the chapel of the said church, one gold ring, with one kerchief (*peplo*).<sup>1</sup>

Item, to the image of St. Katherine of the said church, one gold ring.

Item, I bequeath for the restoration (*restauracione*) of the principal silver cross (*principalis crucis argenteae*), with images to be placed around it (*circumponendis*) of St. Mary and St. John, in the said church, 5 nobles.

Item, I bequeath (*lego*) that all the utensils of my house, viz., pots, dishes (*patene*), cooking-pots (*cacabi*), mortars (*mortaria*), beds, bedding (*lectisterina*), and vessels of "pewter," and the like things, with basins and ewers (*cum pelvis et lavatorii*) and the

like, but not silver or gilt vessels, be equally divided between Thomas Mudeforde, my son, and Joan Mudeforde, my daughter.

Item, I bequeath to Joan Edmundis, my servant (*servienti*), one whole cloth.

Item, to Alice Newman, formerly my servant (*servienti*), one entire cloth (*unum pannum integrum*).

Item, to the Abbot of Adillney, one entire best cloth of blue (*blodii*) colour.

Item, to the Carthusian house of Forme (*sic*) Selwode, in the said diocese, one maser (*murram*) silver gilt.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Badcum, 6s. 8d.

Item, to Joan Hygyns, wife of William Hygyns, one rosary (*oraculum*) of coral (*de corallo*).

Item, to Joan Mudforde, my daughter, my best gown, a tunic (*tunicam*) called "Kyrtill," and my best barred girdle (*zonam stipatam*), and my best rosary (*oraculum*).

Item, I bequeath my best kerchief (*peplum*) "*ut fiat corporale super altare*" of St. Erasmus, when it shall be made (*fabricatum*) in the said church of St. John the Baptist.

Item, I bequeath another kerchief (*peplum*), for a canopy over the host at the said altar (*ut sit in canapum circa eucharistiam supra autenticum altare ejusdem ecclesie*) of St. John the Baptist.

Item, I bequeath to Sir Peter, perpetual (*protunc*)<sup>1</sup> chaplain of the said parish church, 6s. 8d.

The residue of all my kerchiefs (*peplorum*) not bequeathed I bequeath to Joan Mudeforde, my daughter.

And all the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Thomas Mudeforde, my son, with the oversight of William Hygyns.

These being witnesses:—Master Peter Motyñ, parish chaplain there; Sir William Morsilk and John Palle, chaplains celebrating in the said church.

Proved at Knoll 16th December in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executor in the person of Master Nicholas Collis, proctor, &c.

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<sup>1</sup> Pro tunc. "Pro tunc, pro nunc, formula qua tempus præsens et futurum significatur." (*Ducange*.)



## 1484. JOHN SAMPSON.

[45 MILLES.]

10 February, A.D. 1484, I, John Sampson, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. George of Bekinton, before the altar of St. John the Evangelist.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells, 12*d*.

To the church of Bekynton, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the light of St. John the Baptist, 20*s*.

To the light of St. Christopher, 20*s*.

To the light of the high cross (*alte crucis*), 12*d*.

To the painting (*picture*) of the high cross, 20*s*.

Item, to the church of Estgodford [Codford St. Mary, Wilts] 20*s*.

To the church of Westcodford [Codford St. Peter, Wilts] 20*s*.

Item, to the church of Teryngton [Titherington, Wilts] 20*s*.

To the church of Vernny Sutton, 20*s*.

Item, to the church of Byssippistrowe, 20*s*.

To the church of Westbury, 20*s*.

To the church of Warmyster, 20*s*.

To the church of Roode, 20*s*.

To the church of Upton, 20*s*.

To the church of Telisford, 20*s*.

Item, to the church of Wolwerton, 20*s*.

Item, to the church of Henton, 20*s*.

To the church of Hellinton, 20*s*.

To the church of Bradeley, 20*s*.

To the church of Laverton, 20*s*.

To the church of Norton in the Forest of Selwode, 20*s*.

To the church of Kylmynton, 20*s*.

To the church of Storton, 20*s*.

To the church of Lovynton, 20*s*.

To William Hyllman, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to Nicholas Harrise, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the White Friars in the town of Bristow, 40*s*.

Item, to the Friars of the order of St. Augustine of Bristowe, 20*s*.

Item, to Edmund Storowr, Prior of Henton, 10*li*.

Item, to each house of that order in England, 20*s*.

Item, I bequeath to find a suitable chaplain to pray for my soul specially and the souls for which I am bound, for 10 years, in the church of Bekynton, 100 marks.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Edith, my wife and to John Cupper, whom I make my executors, to which John I bequeath 5 marks for his pains; and I make Edmund Storowr, Prior of Henton, my overseer.

These being witnesses:—Thomas Hillman, Thomas Compton, Thomas Trope and Thomas Cre.

Proved 4th March, 1484, and administration committed to the executors named.

#### 1485. WALTER PAUNSSSEFOTE, KNT.

[16 LOGGE. FO. 118.]

15 June, A.D. 1485, I, Walter Paunssefote thelder, knyght, ordeyn this my present testament and last will in maner and forme folowyng:—

I bequethe my body to be buried in the parissch chirche of Cometon Paunssefote in the south ile there.

Also, I bequethe to the said chirche, to the making thereof, 10 marks; and 20*li*. to the making of myne ile there, with that that the parishons there will endeavor themself to full fynysh yt after thaduice of myne executours.

Also, I bequethe to the workes of the chirche of Northe-catbury, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Also, to the chirche workes of the chirche of Southe-catbury, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the chirche workes of Mapertone, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Also, to the chirche workes of Blacforde, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Also, to the chirche workes of Yerlington, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Also, to the chirche of Westonbaunfelde, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Also, to the chirche workes of Charletone, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Also, I give to Walter my sonne and myne heire, a pott of siluer, and three bolles of siluer, and with all other plate of myne of siluer, and my cheyne of golde. And also my stuf of



housholde, and my two weynes with thapparell, except the oxen that long thereto. And I will the seid Walter my sonne after his decesse leue the seid cheyne of golde, with all other stuff of plate of siluer afor specified, to his sonne and his heire. Also I bequethe to the same Walter my sonne all my purchesse londes and tenements in my manor of Comtone Paunssefote.

Also I bequethe to Henry, my sonne, all my purchesse londes that I have purchessed oute of the manor of Comtone. Also a hole bed with the apparelle performed, and one brasyne pott with a panne, and another brasyne pott being in the keping of Babcary of Shirborne.

Also I yeve to my doughter Mary a hole bed with the apparelle complete and performed, one pott and one panne of brasse, and in money 10 mark toward her mariage. Also two oxen at Cometone, and all my rother bestes that Pepir my seruaunt hath in his keping.

Also I will that myne executours purchesse 10 mark worth lond to founde a chauntrey at Cometone Paunssefote, to pray for my soule, my fader, my moder, and all my children soules, to a prest singing dayly yf he be disposid, and onys a weke specially to say dirige for the seid soules forevermore.

Also I will that myne executours cause to be made in vestementes to the seid chauntry my 3 yerdys of Crymsyne silk, 3 yerdys of tawny silk, and 2 yerdys of blak silk, being in my cofer at Cometone Paunssefote, as soon and in as goodly maner as they can ordeyn.

The residu truly of all and everych of all my goodes above not bequethin, I yeue to myne executours, therewith to do and dispose for my soule and the soules aforespecified in almes detes and dedis of charite after their discrecions. And I make the said Walter, my sonne, and Petre Bamfelde myne executours, and I yeve to the seid Petre for his labour 10*li.* of money.

Theis wytnesse :—Maister Henry Sutton, clerk, chanon of Sarum, Notary papall and imperiall; Maister John Sparwell; Richard Wise and William Wynne, Notary imperiall, and other moo.

Proved 18th July in the year abovesaid, and administration granted to the executors.

[This will is written in English.]



## 1485. JOAN ATWELL.

[18 LOGGE. FO. 137.]

15 July, A.D. 1485, I, Joan Atwell, widow, late the wife of Richard Atwell, of Glaston, late deceased, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the image of the B.V.M. in the parish church aforesaid, one gold ring and one veil (*flammeam*),<sup>1</sup> "*de Lawnde*," and to the two other figures (*figuris*) of St. Mary of the said church, two other veils "*de Lawnde*."

Item, to the four lights (*luminibus*) of the said church, 6s. 8d., to wit, to each light, 20d.

Item, I bequeath to the said church one lead vessel (*plumbum*) for keeping oil (*pro oleo conservando*), and one pipe of oil called "*Lampeoyle*."

Item, to John Selwode, Abbot of Glaston, 20 marks; and to his convent, one pipe of wine.

Item, to Joan Austen, all the wool and cloth being in my house at the time of my death.

Item, I bequeath to Margaret, daughter of Robert Robyns, one quarter of "*wode*" [*woad*].

Item, to Joan Wyke, one quarter of "*wode*."

Item, to John Clypwell, scholar (*scolari*), 10*li*.

Item, to the fabric of the chapel of West Pennard, 6s. 8d.

To the fabric of the chapel of Strete, 6s. 8d.

To the fabric of the parish church of Walton, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to each poor person dwelling in "*la spitell hous*," one cartload (*plaustratum*) of fuel.

Item, I will that each carrier (*cariator*) of the said fuel shall have for the carriage of each cartload to "*la spitell hous*" aforesaid 4*d.*, and for the carriage from my garden to the street (*vicum*) 2*d.*

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to William Coleyne of Glaston aforesaid, whom I

<sup>1</sup> *Flamina*, vexilla ecclesiarum. *Flammula*, vexillum in flammæ speciem desinens. (*Ducange*.) *Flammea* also means a *kerchief* (see p. 385).

ordain my executor, and to whom I give for his labour four marks. And I make John Lottesham of Glastonbury my overseer, and bequeath to him 13s. 4d.

Proved 11th November, 1485, and administration granted to the executor.

### 1485. THOMAS ARUNDELL, KNT.

[29 MILLES. FO. 235.]

3rd October, A.D. 1485, I, Thomas Arundell, knight, make my testament<sup>1</sup> in maner and forme folowyng:

I bequethe my body to be buried in the parisshe churche of Edesdon, in the which I will rest for a season, and to the same churche I bequethe 20s.

Also I will that Sir Gylis Dawbeney, knight, John Byconille, and all other feoffees to my use of an in all the manors, landes, &c., in Chydyocke, Ilbruer, Frampton upon Severn, and alle other within the shyres of Dorsett, Somersett and Glowcetter, the whiche late were Dame Kateryne Arundelles, my moder, make an estate thereof to Dame Kateryne my wife, for terme of her lief.

Also I wil that Thomas Tregarthen and alle other feoffees to myn use of the manors of Landheron, Landehedderon and all other manors lordshippes landes &c. within the shires of Cornewayll and Devonshire, make and do to be made an estate therof to the said Dame Katherine my wife to performe there with this my present will and entent as foloweth:

First I will that the said Dame Katerin my wife, with the issues and profits thereof, shall pay all such dettes due by me as canne be lawfully proved, and also fynde my children, as well my sonnes as my daughters in to the tyme that they be of lawfull age, and then to prefer them in mariage and otherwise to their degre, afre the discrecion of the said Dame Katherine for the feith and trust that I haue in hir more thenne I haue in alle the world. And if my kind wife at hir comyng home canne

<sup>1</sup> The will is preceded in the register by the Archbishop's letters certificatory. The will is in English.

devise by hir frendes and soche as be of my counsell, for the welthe of my soule and the welthe of my childern, I require you and charge you that bee feoffees that ye do fulfille and performe alle that she will require you to do in my behalf, for my will is that my said wife shall adde and mynisshe this my will at alle tymes as it canne by hir best be thought for the welthe of my soule of hir and my childern.

And I will that my wife, aftre my said dettes be paied, remove my bonys, and brynge them to the Grey Freres of Dorchester, and ley them in the midle of the quere there, and there I woll she make a goodly towmbe.

If my wife die before my feoffees make her the estate abovesaid, I will they shall make such an estate to such a trusty man as my frende John Byconill can name, and the said person shall then make an estate ayen to them, and to my lord of Ely, my lord Dynham, my lady moder Dame Jane Dynham, John Sabcotte, Roger Dynham and Charles Dynham, and these my then feoffees shall pay my fader's dettes, my moder's, myne and my wife's, and shall mary my children to men and women of worship, and that they be not dispargid. And if my wife die, I will that my lady moder Dame Jane Dynham, and John Byconill have the gidyng and gouvernance of John Arundell my sonne and heire, and of all my children, with full power and auctorite as above given to my wife.

Also I will that my feoffees make an estate of annuitye of 5 marcs yerely to John Byconill over the fee to him by my fader and moder of old tyme graunted, for the good service that he hath doon to me.

Also I will that my said feoffees beseche the Kinges grace in my behalf that this my wil may be performed; I axe no more for all the service.

I ordeyne by these presentez Dame Kateryne Arundell my wife, Dame Jane Dynham, John Byconill and Charles Dynham myne executours, to whom I give the residue of alle my goodes, they to dispose it for the welthe of my soule.

Proved (by sentence) 12th December, 1488, and administration committed to the executors named, &c.



**1485. JOHN BOUGENT.**

[14 LOGGE. FO. 102.]

1485, October 4th. I, John Bougent of Glaston, proposing by the grace of God to travel on business (*circa negociaciones*) in divers parts of this world, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston, or in any other sacred (*sacro*) place wheresoever I may happen to die.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells, 12*d*.

Item, to the five lights (*luminibus*) of the parish church aforesaid, 5*s*.

Item, I give to Thomas my son divers goods according to the disposition (*scdm dispositionem*) of his mother.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give to Margaret my wife, to dispose of the same for the health of my soul, and I make the said Margaret my executrix; and Joan Attewell, widow, and Sir Thomas Orchard, clerk, overseers of this my will; and I will that the said Joan shall have 40*s*. and the said Thomas 20*s*. for their labour.

Proved 15th October in the said year, and administration committed to the said executrix, in the person of Thomas Chambyrlayn her proctor. The inventory is to be exhibited before the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord next to come.

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**1485. NICHOLAS SWAYNE.**

[18 LOGGE. FO. 133.]

5th October, A.D. 1485, I, Nicholas Swayne, of Glaston, in the co. of Somerset, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial, to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Margaret the Virgin of Westminster, next (*juxta*) the altar of the Holy Trinity outside the walls of the said parish church.

Item, I bequeath to the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary "de la Pew" of Westminster, 4*d*.

Item, to the altar of St. Stephen within the royal college of Westminster aforesaid, 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the four lights (*luminibus*) of the parish church of Glaston (viz., to each light 4*d*.) 16*d*., and one torch (*torticium*).

Item, I bequeath to my own brother (*fratri meo proprio*) one gown.

Item, to Thomas Hows, one gown.

Item, to Sir John Roly, chaplain, my brother, two and a half yards of blue (*blodii*) cloth for a gown.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, after my debts are fully paid, I give and bequeath to the aforesaid Sir John Roly, chaplain, and to Joan, my wife, to dispose for the health of my soul in pious uses for the poor (*pios usus pauperum*), as shall seem best to them, and I make them my executors.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents.

Dated at Westminster.

Proved at Lambeth 22nd November, 1485, and administration committed to John Roly, the executor named, &c. Power reserved, &c.

## 1485. JOHN SAYNTMAUR, ESQ.

[18 LOGGE. FO. 133.]

5th October, A.D. 1485, I, John Sayntmaur<sup>9</sup>, esquire, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in holy burial in the chancel of the parish church of Bekynton.

Item, I bequeath to the rector of the church aforesaid, for tithes forgotten, 10*s*.

Item, to the mother church of Wells, 20*d*.

Item, to the church of Rode, one heifer, to find one wax taper (*cereum*) burning (*ardentem*) before the image of St. Lawrence.

Item, I bequeath one cow, of the worth of 10*s*., to find one wax taper burning on Lord's days and the principal feasts before the image of St. George, so that one wax taper may be maintained yearly and for ever from the increment (*de*

*incrementis*) of the said cow ; and I will that the wardens (*custodes*) shall have the surplus and residue of the increment in their keeping, to the honour of St. George.

Item, I bequeath to my wife, and to my reverend father Sir Thomas de St. Maur, knight, my son William (*filium meum Willielmum*), under this form, to wit, that if it please my father and my wife to marry the said William honestly within age, with the consent and assent of my said son William, I will then that the increment of his wardship by reason of his minority shall pass (*transeat*) to the advancement (*promocionem*) of my daughters, when they shall come to years of marriage, provided that my father shall have some small thing (*aliquid parum*) at his pleasure and with the discretion of my wife.

Item, I will that my wife shall find all things necessary both in food (*victu*) and in clothing for my sons and daughters.

Item, I will that my wife shall provide a suitable and honest priest (*presbiterum*) for two entire years, to pray for my soul, and for the soul of my mother, dame Philippa.

And I will that my wife shall pay and also receive my debts.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Elizabeth, my wife, to dispose for the health of my soul in such manner as she shall think best. And I will that Hugh, by permission of God Bishop of St. David's, shall be overseer of this my will, and principal assistant (*adiutor*) in doing all things.

Item, I bequeath to the said Hugh one silver "pax" overgilt (*super deaurat*) and "enamelid," for his labour, to pray for my soul.

Proved at Lambeth 19th November in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to Elizabeth, relict, &c., in the person of Master Thomas Rowley, clerk, her proctor, &c.

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## 1486. RICHARD SWAN.

[I MILLES. FO. I.]

26th December, A.D. 1486, I, Richard Swa<sup>n</sup>,<sup>1</sup> make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Mary next the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells, before the altar of St. Katherine in the said chapel.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said cathedral church 10*li*.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of St. Cuthbert of Wells, 20*s*.

Item, to the fabric of the house or hospital of St. John the Baptist in Wells, 20*s*.

Item, to the fabric of the new tower of Yevilton, 10 marks which before this time I promised I would give to the said fabric, besides 5 marks delivered by my hands to the wardens of the said church for the said fabric.

Item, I bequeath to the church of the Blessed Mary of Chorde one chalice of the worth of 4 marks, or 4 marks to buy a chalice.

Item, to the fabric of the church of "*Cumba Sancti Nicholai*" [Combe St. Nicholas] for making the ceiling (*celatura*) in the chancel there, 20*s*.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Welyngton, for making the pavement (*pauimento*) in the chancel there, 26*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the church of Wynsham, for buying cloths (*pannis*) to be painted (*depingendis*) for the high altar there, 20*s*.

Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Convent of the Carthusian house of Henton 10 marks, to pray for my soul.

Item, to the collegiate chaplains in the college of St. Anne in "le Mountre" of Wells one silver salt weighing 18 ounces.

Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Convent of the Carthusian house of Witham 10 marks, to pray for my soul.

Item, to the close (*clause*) of the vicars choral of the cathedral church abovewritten, two silver salts (*salsaria*) to their use, weighing 40½ ounces, to pray for my soul.

<sup>1</sup> The margin has "*Testamentum Magistri Ricardi Swa<sup>n</sup>.*"

Item, I bequeath to the house of choristers (*choristarum*) of the aforesaid cathedral church twelve spoons, to the use of the choristers of the said house, to pray for my soul.

Item, to the reparation of the chancel of the parish church of Burneham, 10*li*.

Item, to each of my servants (*serviencium*), 20*s*.

Item, to Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, my best silver gilt cup with the cover.

Item, to Master John Wansford, subdean of the cathedral church aforesaid, my second best silver gilt cup with the cover.

Item, to Master Thomas Mershe, canon residenciary of the said cathedral church, my third best silver gilt cup with the cover.

Item, to Sir John Aleyn, chaplain and vicar choral in the cathedral church abovewritten, one silver cup partly gilt, with the cover.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to the aforesaid Masters Hugh Sugar, John Wansford, Thomas Mershe and John Aleyn, whom I ordain my executors, to dispose after their discretions and consciences for the health of my soul.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents, these being witnesses: Master Thomas Percyvale, Master in Arts, and Sir John Hampton, chaplain, and others.

Proved at Lambeth, 30th January, A.D., &c. [1486], and administration committed to the executors in the person of Master Nicholas Collys, their proctor, &c.

### 1486. THOMAS MERSHE.

[1 MILLES. FO. 5.]

18 January A.D. 1486, I, Thomas Mershe,<sup>1</sup> make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be delivered (*tradendum*) to holy burial.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 40*s*.

<sup>1</sup> The margin has “*Testamentum Magistri Thome Marsh.*”

Item, to the parish church of Horsington 56s. 8d., and one pair of vestments of "borde Alisaunder."<sup>1</sup>

Item, I bequeath to the fraternity of the Blessed Mary in the said church 20s. to buy two cows; and to the same fraternity one pair of vestments of white "teuke,"<sup>2</sup> embroidered (*embroderat*).

Item, to the prebendal church of Henxstrigge, 40s.

To the parish church of Henton St. George, 40s. towards the building of the tower there.

Item, to the College of the Blessed Mary of Winchester in Oxford, three salts (*salsaria*) silver gilt, with a cover, weighing 68 ounces and a quarter of a dwt.

Item, to the College of the Blessed Mary near Winchester, one silver cup with a cover, having on the top of the cover the arms of Sir Thomas de Bekyngton, late Bishop of Bath and Wells, weighing 33½ ounces.

Item, I bequeath to the parish church of Chedder 40s.

Item, to John Coke, my servant at Horsington, all the things I have there belonging to husbandry (*iconomiam*).

Item, to Thomas Cooke, my godson, one bed in which I used to lie at Horsington, with "*le Spervier*"<sup>3</sup>; also one silver cup with a cover, six silver spoons, one dozen of tin (*stanneorum*) vessels, one pot, one dish and one spit (*veru*). And I will that all these things shall remain in the custody of his parents, until by God's grace he comes to be made a priest (*contigerit eum presbiterari*).

The other things which I have there I bequeath to the other sons (*filiis*) of the said John Cooke.

Item, I bequeath to the said Thomas Cooke to exhibit him at the schools, that he may be a priest, 10 marks of the debts which his father owes me. And I will that the residue of his debt shall be remitted at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I bequeath to the Carthusian houses of Whitham and Henton, and to the houses of the Friars Minors of Brigewater and the Friars Preachers of Ilchester, according to the discretion

<sup>1</sup> Bord Alexander, a kind of striped silk. (See *N.E.D.*, *sub* both words.)

<sup>2</sup> Tewke to make purses of, "trelis," Palsgrave. (Halliwell's *Provincial Dictionary*.)

<sup>3</sup> Sparver, the canopy or tester of a bed. (Wright's *Provincial Dictionary*.)



of my executors, and according to men of my faculties (*viros facultatum mearum*).

Item, I bequeath to Sir Thomas Orchard, my godson, one gown of blue (*blodio*) furred with "Croppys."<sup>1</sup>

Item, to Sir John Hampton, one gown of murrey furred with black throughout (*per totum*).

Item, to William Witcombe, 26s. 8d., and of the bedding (*de lectisterniis*) according to the discretion of my executors.

Item, to John Davy, 20s.

Item, to John of the stable 20s., and the bed in which he is accustomed to lie.

Item, to John Saunders, 20s., and his bed next my chamber ; one pot and one dish.

Item, I bequeath to the said Sir Thomas Orchard one book called "*Speculum Vite*" 2° fo. "*adorare*."

Item to Sir John Hill, canon of the cathedral church of Wells, 4*li*. in money or in value.

Item, to John Stevens, 5 marks.

Item, to Sir John Menyman, 5 marks ; and I ordain them my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul.

There being then there present the aforesaid Sir John Hampton, William Witcomb, John Davy, Thomas Cooke, and John Saundrys.

Proved the penultimate day of February, A.D., &c., 1486, and administration committed to Sir John Stephyns.

[Testator was Rector of Horsington. See *Som. Incs.*, p. 106.]

## 1486. WALTER ESTON.

[20 MILLES. FO. 164.]

22nd January, A.D. 1486, I, Walter Eston, of Taunton, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the conventual church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of the Priory of Taunton.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells 12*d*.

<sup>1</sup> See *N.E.D.* under *crop*, No. 10. The entire hide of an animal tanned. 1457 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 13 "togam meam penulatam cum croppes de grey" [badger skins].

Item, to the House of the Holy Trinity of Howndslow, to pray for my soul, one small gold ring.

Item, to the maintenance of the light of the sepulchre (*luminis sepulture*) being in the parish church of Bremmor, 12*d*.

Item, I will that on the day of my burial there shall be distributed to the poor 10*s*., viz., to each of them 1*d*.

Item, to the store (*stauro*) of the high altar in the parish church of St. Mary Magdalen of Taunton, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the store of the fraternity of the Holy Sepulchre (*Sepulchri*) in the same church, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the store of the fraternity of the Holy Cross in the said church, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the store of the fraternity of the Holy Trinity in the parish church of Baukfasligh [Buckfastleigh], 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the vicar of the said church to pray for my soul, 2*s*. 6*d*.

Item, I bequeath to Master Nicholas Dysum, vicar of Taunton, to pray for my soul, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to each priest (*sacerdoti*) celebrating divine services (*divina*) in the said church, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the two clerks of the said church, 4*d*.

Item, to each of my godchildren, 4*d*.

Item, I will that Margaret, my wife, shall find a suitable chaplain to celebrate for one whole year in the parish church of Taunton for the health of my soul, of Richard, my father, Joan, my mother, of Thomas, Thomas, Henry, John, William Stacy, chaplain, John, John, Richard Beele, chaplain, and of all my brothers and sisters ; also for the souls of Thomas Geffray and Agnes his wife, John, James and Margaret, and all my kinsfolk (*consanguineorum*) taking for his salary (*salaris*) 5*li*.

Item, I bequeath to the lord Prior of the Priory of Taunton, after the decease of my wife, one silver cup.

Item, to the lord Prior of the Priory of Bremmor, after the decease of my wife, one salt silver gilt.

Item, to Sir John Eston, my brother, one silver cup, one maser (*murrum*) bound (*ligatum*) with silver, and one gown furred (*penulatam*) with "calabers."

Item, I bequeath to Sir William Downe, chaplain, 2*s*. 6*d*.

Item, to Sir Nicholas Threshere, chaplain, 2*s*. 6*d*.

To Sir Thomas Burnard, chaplain, 2s. 6d.

To Sir Walter Stert, chaplain, 2s. 6d.

To Sir Americ Bodenham, chaplain, one small ring of gold.

To Sir John Harries, chaplain, 2s. 6d.

To Sir Richard London, chaplain, 12d.

To Sir Robert Brommor, chaplain, one small gold ring or 2s. 6d.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Margaret, my wife, and I ordain her my sole executrix, that she may dispose for the health of my soul.

Proved at Lambeth 11th November, 1489, and administration committed, &c.

### 1487. HENRY VINCENT.

[5 MILLES. FO. 46.]

18th July, A.D. 1487, I, Henry Vincent, countryman (*ruralis homo*) of Keyford, parishioner of the church of St. John the Baptist of Frome in Selwode, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. John the Baptist aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells 12d.

Item, to the maintenance of the light (*luminis*) in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the nave of the church aforesaid, one cow with calf.

Item, to the reparation or maintenance (*sustentationem*) of the light (*luminis*) of the high cross (*alte crucis*) in the middle of the church aforesaid, one cow with calf.

Item, I bequeath to the reparation of the way which lies by (*per*) a hedge called "Gore Hegge" 6s. 8d.

Item, to the reparation (*reparationem*) of the church, that is, to the plumbing (*artis plumbilariorum*) about the entrance (*circa introitum*) of the chapel of the Blessed Mary aforesaid, 20s.

Item, to the purchase of a new "Canopie," 2s.

Item, to my servant (*clientulo*)<sup>1</sup> John, one cow and one dish (*patellam*).

<sup>1</sup> Clientulus, "qui causam suam credit patrono defendendam." (*Ducange*.)



Item, to John, my brother's son, all the household utensils, that is, those of the hall, chamber and kitchen, and all my cattle except the sheep (*oves*) and the two best cows. Also all my corn, except two acres of wheat and two acres of barley, which shall belong to my executors with the increment thereof (*ut illi inde accrescerent*), and they shall provide from year to year for the health of my soul.

Item, I bequeath to my maidservant (*ancille*) one cow and a dish.

The residue of all my goods and debts not above bequeathed I give to Thomas Corsley, clothier (*pannario*) and to William [Mason],<sup>1</sup> weaver (*textrigiaro*), whom I make my executors. And I will that they shall administer a certain part of my goods as is just (*quod justum est*), and this at their pleasure from week to week as long as it shall last, for the health of my soul and for their excuse (*excusacione*).

These being witnesses : the parish priest, William Hoggis, Thomas Vincent, and others.

Proved at Lambeth 13th September, A.D., &c. [1487], and administration granted to Thomas Crosley and William Mason, the executors named, in the person of Master John Beuill, *n.p.* proctor, &c.

## 1487. THOMAS CHOKKE.

[4 MILLES. FO. 26.]

28th July, A.D. 1487, I, Thomas Chokke, the elder, make my will in this manner which follows :—

I bequeath my body to be buried (*inhumandum*) in the chancel of the parish church of Stawnton Drewe, before the image of St. Mary the Virgin.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the parish church of Stawnton Drewe, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to the church of St. Mary, the parish church of Stawnton Drew (*Sancte Marie Ecclesie ecclesie parochialis de S. D.*) one gold ring.

<sup>1</sup> Supplied from probate act.

- Item, to the parish church of Asshton, 6s. 8d.  
 Item, to the chapel of St. Thomas of Penysford, 6s. 8d.  
 Item, to St. Mary of Crowham,<sup>1</sup> 20s.  
 Item, to the Blessed Mary of Rownsevale,<sup>2</sup> 5s.  
 Item, to St. Mary de la grace in the church of St. Paul,  
 London, 5s.  
 Item, to St. Etheldrede,<sup>3</sup> 4d.  
 Item, to St. Mary of Bethelem,<sup>4</sup> 5s.  
 To St. Mary of Walsyngham, 5s.  
 Item, to St. Henry the King,<sup>5</sup> 5s.  
 Item, to Master John Shorn,<sup>6</sup> 4d.  
 Item, I bequeath to St. Mary de Redclyfe, 5s.

<sup>1</sup> In Nicolas's *Privy Expenses of Elizabeth of York*, p. 3, occurs the following:—"1502, March 24.—Item, to Richard Mylner, of Bynfield, for money to be offered for the Quene, to our Ladye of Crowham 2s. 6d." I have not been able to identify the place.

<sup>2</sup> St. Mary Rouncevall Hospital near Charing Cross. (*Dugdale*.)

<sup>3</sup> St. Etheldreda, foundress and first Abbess of Ely Monastery, A.D. 673. Her shrine repaired about A.D. 1180. (*Dugdale*.)

<sup>4</sup> St. Mary Bethlehem Hospital, founded 1247 in the parish of St. Botolph, without Bishopsgate. (*Dugdale*, vi, 621.)

<sup>5</sup> For the shrine and relics of Hen. VI at Windsor see *Annals of Windsor*, i, 428.

<sup>6</sup> "In the South aisle (of Windsor) outside St. George's choir, stands a famous niche or closet known as Lincoln Chapel. Built by Beauchamp, Bishop of Sarum, to receive the bones of John Shorne, it held for five reigns that holy man's more holy boot.

"The chief shrines at Windsor were those of St. George, our Lady of Windsor, good King Henry and Master John Shorne." (Dixon's *Royal Windsor*, iii, 118, 140.)

John Shorn or Schorne was a pious rector of Northmarston, co. Bucks, about the year 1290. He was held in great veneration for the virtues which his benediction had imparted to a holy well in his parish, and for his miracles, one of which, the feat of conjuring the devil into a boot, was considered so remarkable that it was represented in the east window of his church, and was also recorded in the following lines, existing in the last century on the wall enclosing the holy well:—

"Sir John Schorne,  
 Gentleman borne:  
 Conjured the Devil into a Boot."

Bishop Beauchamp of Sarum in 1478 obtained a license from the Pope to translate the remains of John Shorne from Northmarston wherever he pleased in the diocese of Salisbury, and he accordingly removed them to the Lincoln Chapel at Windsor. The advowson of Northmarston was previously acquired by the college, and its value to the dean and chapter is apparent from the fact that at the Reformation the college lost £500 per annum from the offerings at the shrine there. *Annals of Windsor* (Tighe and Davis), i, 377. *Downside Review*, xv, 122. Lipscombe's *Buckinghamshire*, i, 339. *The Journal of the Archaeological Association*, vol. xxiii, contains two articles by Dr. Sparrow-Simpson on Master John Shorne.

To St. Anne, 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

To the Lord Suffragan Bishop, 10*li.*; and I will that it shall be paid from the debt due from the Abbot of St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Item, I bequeath to the Prior of Bath 10*li.*; to be paid out of the same debt.

Item, I bequeath to my brother John Chokke, 10*li.*

To his wife, 10*li.*

Item, to William Chokke, son of John Chokke, 40s.

Item, to Henry Chokke, son of the said John Chokke, 40s. [*bis*].

Item, to my brother Richard Chokke, 20*li.*

Item, I bequeath to his sons, 5*li.*

Item, to the vicar, that he may pray for my soul, and accomplish those pilgrimages and offerings (*perficiat istas peregrinationes et oblaciones*), 8*li.*

Item, I bequeath to Sir Hugh Walborn, 6s. 8d.

To Sir William de Asshton, 6s. 8d.

To John Yonge, my servant (*servienti*), 3*li.* 6s. 8d., and one gown of "Chamelett."

Item, to Anthony, my servant (*servienti*), 3*li.* 6s. 8d.

Item, to Avice, my servant, 100s.

Item, I bequeath to John Stawnton, 10 marks.

To John Slegge, 3*li.* 6s. 8d.

To William Warde, 20s.

To John Philipps, 6s. 8d.

To the daughter of John Philipps, 3s. 4d.

Item, I will that a trental shall be celebrated for two years for my soul and the souls of my father and mother.

Item, I will that 10*li.* shall be restored (*restituatur*) to Hadlam the elder of Westbury. Item, to the man whom Horner best knows, 40s., and to Richard Trowbrigge, 40s.

Item, I bequeath to Lucy, my sister, 20s.

The residue of all my goods I give and bequeath to Joan my wife, to dispose for the health of my soul; and I make the

<sup>1</sup> St. Anne's Chapel, Brislington, three miles from Redcliff church, called "St. Anne in the Wood." (Leland, *Itin.*, ii, 57.) "A two miles above Bristow was a common Trajectus by Bote, wher was a chapelle of S. Anne . . . and here was great pilgrimage to S. Anne." (*Bristol Past and Present*, Nicholls and Taylor, vol. ii, p. 124.)



said Joan, John Chokke, my brother, and Master John Buklond, vicar of Stawnton Drew, executors of this my will; and the Lord Suffragan and the Prior of Bath my overseers. These being witnesses: Sir William Drew, chaplain, and John Yong, "*literato*."

Proved at Moretelake 12th September, A.D., &c., and administration committed to the executors named, in the person of Master John Ryse, proctor, &c.

[Inq. p. m. Thome Choke, arm., 3 Hen. VII, *S. A. and N. H. S.*, xlvi, ii, 25.]

### 1487. JOHN CAMMELL.

[6 MILLES. FO. 53.]

3rd October, 1487, I, John Cammell, of Glaston, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston, in the aisle of St. Nicholas and before his image.

Item, I bequeath to the said parish church one chalice (*calicem*) worth 10 marks, and one missal worth 10*li*.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the fabric of the chapel of St. Benignus of Glaston, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Budelegh, 6*s*. 8*d*., and one pair of vestments of "grene damask."

Item, to the fabric of the chapel of St. James of Hurdscote [in Somerton], 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Langport, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to each poor person being in the Hospital of Glaston aforesaid 4*d*., to pray for my soul.

Item, to Isabella Pride, my servant (*servienti*), 6*s*. 8*d*., to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to John, Abbot of the monastery of Glaston, and to the convent of that place, 20*li*., to this intent, that each monk of the said monastery shall have and receive 6*s*. 8*d*., in

gold, and this to be divided by equal portions as well to the elder monks as to the young monks; and the residue of the said sum shall remain to the said abbot, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to the Prior and convent of Bustlesham [Bisham, Berks], 5*li.*, each chaplain of that priory receiving 3*s.* 4*d.*; and the prior of the said place receiving the residue of that sum, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to the Friars of the Friars' House of Briggewater, 6*s.* 8*d.*, to pray for my soul.

Item, to the Friars of the Friars' House of Yvelchestre, 6*s.* 8*d.*, to pray for my soul.

Item, to the four orders of Friars of the town of Bristol, 26*s.* 8*d.*, to wit, to each place (*loco*) of the said Friars, 6*s.* 8*d.*, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the highway (*anglice Cauce*) between the hamlets (*villulas*) of Budlegh and Wotton, 4 marks, provided that the parishioners there carry the material to the said way.

Item, I bequeath to Stephen Palmer one gown, at the discretion of Sybil, my wife.

And I ordain executors of this my will Sybil, my wife, Thomas Hexton of the town of Bristol, merchant, and Master Walter Wylde, clerk.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed nor disposed by me I give and bequeath to Sybil, my wife, to dispose according to her discretion and conscience for the health of my soul. In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents, these being then there present: Sir Robert, chaplain, and Isabel Pryde.

Proved 19th November in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executors.

[The name Camel was well known in Glastonbury. In 1456 Robert Camel was a junior monk in the Abbey. (*Downside Review*, December, 1900, p. 200.) The tomb of John Camel is mentioned by Leland (*Itin.*, ii, 72), and is still to be seen in St. John's Church. Camels are represented on it, and on one shield there is the cross of the Abbey, showing that the testator had some official connection with it.]

## 1487. JOHN NEWTON, KNT.

[8 MILLES. FO. 70.]

26th January, A.D. 1487, I, John Newton, knight, make my testament in this maner :—

I bequeith my body to be buried in the church of our Lady of Yatton.

I bequeith unto the said church, *6li. 13s. 4d.*

Also to the cathedrall church of Wellys, *6s. 8d.*

To the four ordres of Fryres in Bristow, *53s. 4d.*

Item, I bequeyeth unto my sonne Richard Newton a bason and an ewer of sylver.

To my sonne Thomas Newton, a gylt cuppe koueryd.

Also, unto my doughter Elisabeth Kenne, a gylt cuppe koueryd.

I will that my feoffees make an estate unto my son Nicholas Newton, and to the heyres of his body lawfully comyng, of all my londys and tenementys in Axbrige, Shepeham, Lye, and in the reversion of certain lands in Tekenham [Tickenham] that was late Roger Parcevalles ; and for defawte of issue of the seyd Nicholas I will all the forseyd londes remayn unto my sonne Water Newton in tail ; and for defawte again, to the right heyres of me, the seid John Neuton.

I bequeyeth unto my servant John Gage *6s. 8d.*

And as for all my other servauntes, I will that Isabell my wyfe reward them acording as they haue deseruyd.

Also I bequeyeth unto the prisoners of Newgate in Bristowe *6s. 8d.*

I will that my wyfe pay unto Richard Styphyns of Bristowe, Taylor, *20s.*

The residew of my goodys unbequeythyd I give unto the forseyd Isabell my wife, whom I have ordeynyd and made my sole executrice, to dispose for the welthe and ease of my sowle at hyr will and discrecion.

In witnesse that this is my very effectuall and last wyll I have put hereto my seale.

Proved 20th March, 1487, and administration committed to the executrix named, &c.

[The will is in English.]



## 1488. JOHN CHOKKE, ESQ.

[11 MILLES. FO. 90.]

18 Aprill, A.D. 1488, I, John Chokke of Staunton Drew, co. Somerset, squier, make my testament in this wyse :—

I bequeith my body to be buried in the parisshe church of Staunton Drewe, near my moder. Also I will that myne executours bring me honestly to my burying, and that they besett upon my buriing and monethes mynde 40*li*.

And I bequeith to the cathedrall church of Wellys 6*s*. 8*d*.

I will that myn executours do ordeign 12 torchis and 4 tapers of convenient weight, the seid torchis to be holden by 12 pouer men, summe of them of my tenants and summe of other, and that everych of the seid pouer men have for his labour, to pray for my soule, a long gowne of blake fryse and 4*d*. in money. Also I will that at myn interement there be made a convenient repast in mete and drinke to all tho that then shall come to the same, and that there be yeven by my seid executours to every pouer man and woman commyng to the same 1*d*., to pray for my soule. And after the seid enterment doone I yeue as moche as then shalbe lefte and remayne unspent of the seid 12 torchis in maner and forme as folowith, that is to say, 2 torchis to the seid church of Staunton, one torch to the church of Assheton, one torch to the church of Chew, one to the church of Pensforth, two to the church of Publowe, one to the church of Chelworth, one to the church of Norton, one to the church of Duidray and one to the chapell of Colford.

Also I will that myn executours ordeigne an honest seculer priest to pray for my soule, and for the soules of my fader and mother, and my brother Thomas, and for the soules that I am bounde to pray for, in the seid church of Staunton by the space of three yeris.

Also I bequeith to the viccar of Assheton, for my tithes forgoton, 30*s*.

Also to the reparacion of the seid church of Ashton, 20*s*.

Also to the church of Staunton Drewe, 20*s*.

To the church of Publowe, 10*s*.

To the church of Pensford, 10s.

To the chapell of our Lady of Chew, 6s. 8d.

To the Priour and convent of every order of Fryres of Bristow, 3s. 4d.

Also to the Priour and convent of the Frires of Brigwater, 3s. 4d.

To the Priour and convent of the Frires of Yeuelchester, 3s. 4d.

To the prisoners of Newgate of Bristow, 3s. 4d.

To the prisoners of Yeulchester, 3s. 4d.

To my lord Dawbeney, 10*li*. of the money due unto me by syr Thomas a Morgan, if he help to the rekouere of the same.

Also to my brother sir John Byconell, knight, 10*li*. of the same money.

Also to the child now being in my wyfys bely, if it be a doughter, 100 marks sterling; and if it be a sonne I will that my feoffees performe my will made upon the same feoffment.

Also I bequeith to Thomas and John, the sonnes of Margarete Mathewe, to everich of them, 40s.

Also I will that certeigne of my plate and of my jewellys and of my shepe and other catallys that I haue be sold after the discrecion of myne executours, and therewith to pay my dettys and performe my will. Also I will they se that my servaunts of household be competently rewardid and recompensid for their good service, every man after his derservyng.

Also I bequeith to my brother Richard Chokke 10*li*. other els 100 shepe.

To my cosyn John Staunton, 100 shepe; and to syr John Buklond my curatt, for offerings and tithes forgoton, 5 marks.

Also to William Ward, 20s.

To John Hopkyns, 20s.

To Thomas Hoggess, 20s.

Also I will that my wife have the occupacion, rewle and gouvernaunce of all my plate, jewellys and stuffe of household remayning unspent during her lyfe; and after her deceese to be disposed to my sonne and heyre, and to his brethren and susters after the aduise of my seid executours and overseers.

The residew of my goods not bequeithid I yeue and bequeith to Elizabeth my wife, that she dispose for the helthe of my

soule; and of this my testament I make myn executours Elisabeth my wyfe and syr John Byconnell, knight. And I name to be overseers, syr John Seintlo, knyght; Richard Chokke, esquier; John Staunton, gentilman. And I will that myn executours se that the seyde syr John Buklond be savid harmlesse by the reson of the testament of my brother Thomas Chokke.

In wittnes hereof, by cause my seale is not knownen to all people, in more wittenesse of thees premisses, I haue prayd and desired the officiall of the Archdeconry of Bath to putte his scale of office; these being wittenesse: syr Hugh Walbrond, syr William Drew, syr Willyam Clyfton, William Panter, John Hopkins with other.

Proved 9th July, 1488, and administration committed to the executors named, &c.

[The will is written in English. Inq. p. m., 4 Hen. VII, *S. A. and N. H. S.*, xlvii, ii, 25.]

### 1488. HUGH SUGAR.

[23 MILLES. FO. 185.]

I, Hugh Sugar,<sup>1</sup> doctor of Laws, Treasurer of the Cathedral Church of Wells, 18th October, A.D. 1488, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the nave of the cathedral church aforesaid, before the cross there, made, fabricated (*fabricatam*) and erected at my costs and expense, with the images of the Blessed Mary and St. John the Evangelist; or in the conventual church of the monastery of the Blessed Mary of Glaston before the altar of St. Andrew, situate next the choir of the said church, according as it shall please the Most High for me to die.

Item, I bequeath for the expenses and charges of my funeral (*funeralium*) 12*li.*, to be disposed at the discretion of my executors.

Item, I bequeath 10*li.* to be distributed amongst the poor on the day of my burial.

<sup>1</sup> No alias of Norris appears in the will.



Item, for my obit to be held in the said church on the thirtieth day after my burial (*pro obitu meo trigintali in dicta ecclesia sepulture mee tenendo*), including the expense of wax candles and of ringing (*cereorum et pulsacionis*), 100s.

Item, I bequeath 100s. to be then distributed amongst the poor where I shall have happened to die.

Item, I will that 100 masses shall be celebrated after my death in the diocese of Bath and Wells, as soon as may conveniently be done; each chaplain willing to celebrate such mass to receive one penny.

Item, I bequeath to Master William Crosse, vicar of the church of St. Leonard of Bristol, 6s. 8d., to pray for my soul; and I will that he shall have 16s. 8d. for 200 masses to be celebrated in the town of Bristol and suburbs thereof, each chaplain willing to celebrate such mass receiving one penny.

Item, I bequeath 40 marks for my obit to be celebrated in the said cathedral church for 20 years.

Item, I bequeath to John Golst, my brother, of Mertok, 10*li.*, so that he have yearly of the said sum 20s. And if he die within that time the sum remaining shall be applied to the fabric of the parish church there.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the parish church of Mertok 40s.; and 20s. to be distributed among the poor of the said parish.

Item, to the fabric of the prebendal church of Lutton, 20s.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I commit to the discretion of my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul and the souls of my parents and benefactors. And I make my executors the venerable Father, Sir John Selwoode,<sup>1</sup> Abbot of Glaston; William Spekynton,<sup>2</sup> Bachelor in both laws (*in utroque jure*), and the discreet man Sir John Towker,<sup>3</sup> choral vicar of the cathedral church aforesaid; and overseer and defender (*defensorem*) of this my will the very noble man Sir Giles de Dawbeney. And to them I bequeath, viz., to the said venerable Father 10*li.* and one standing gilt cup with a cover,

<sup>1</sup> Abbot of Glastonbury, 1456-93.

<sup>2</sup> Vicar of Doulling, 1486-1509.

<sup>3</sup> Rector of Litton, 1485-1500.

formerly bequeathed to me by Master John Stokis,<sup>1</sup> canon residuary of the said cathedral church of Wells; to the aforesaid William Spekynton, 100s. and a standing cup partly gilt, with a cover; and to John Towker, 100s. and a like cup. Also to the said most noble man, 20*li*.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents, these being witnesses: Sir John Lofman, Sir John Combe, and Sir John Foxe, vicars choral of the said cathedral church.

Proved at Lambeth 5th May in the year abovesaid (date of last probate act is 1489), and administration committed, &c.

[Dr. Sugar's will has been printed in the *Downside Review* (xv, 1), with notes by the present editor, together with a short account of his life, from which we take the following:—

*Dates in the Life of Dr. Hugh Sugar.*

- 1444.—Principal of Henxey Hall, Oxford.
- 1451, February 6.—Rector of Lymsham (till his death).
- 1453, February 27.—Rector of Stratton-on-the-Fosse (res. 1454).
- 1454, September 17.—Rector of Brean.
- 1459, February 26.—Archdeacon of Bath.
- 1460, May 1.—Treasurer of Wells Cathedral.
- 1464, January 14.—Death of Bishop Beckington. (Hugh Sugar one of his executors.)
- 1465, May 29.—Hugh Sugar, "custos spiritualitatis," presents to rectory of Thorn Coffin.
- 1465, November 20.—As prebendary of Litton, presents to that church (and again September 7, 1485).
- 1435, November 23.—John George elected Abbot of Athelney. Election certified by Hugh Sugar, vicar-general of Robert [Stillington], Bishop of Bath and Wells, who is engaged in remote parts out of his diocese.
- 1486, February 13.—As "thesaurarius," presents to Martock (and again May 26, 1487).
- 1487, April 10.—Quarrel with dean and chapter *in re* R. Worthyngton (dispute settled June 2).
- 1488, October 18.—Date of his will.
- 1489.—Hugh Sugar died at end of April.
- 1489, May 5.—His will proved.

*Authorities Consulted.*

Reynolds' *Wells Cathedral*, *Wells Cathedral MSS.* (H.M.C.). Wood's *City of Oxford*, Hardy's *Le Neve's Fasti*, Collinson's *Somerset*, *Materials for the History of the Reign of Henry VII* (Rolls Series), *Somerset Archaeological Society's Proceedings*, *Somerset Record Society*, vol. iv, *Somerset Incumbents*.]

<sup>1</sup> Prebendary of Henstridge, 1428; Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, 1453-71.

## 1488. ALICE SAINT JOHN.

[34 MILLES. FO. 276.]

19th January, A.D. 1488, I, Alice saint John, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to ecclesiastical burial in the chancel of the Blessed Mary of Estluckom [East Luccombe].

<sup>1</sup> Item, I bequeth my 3 fetherbeddes one to William Kelly, the secunde to Thomas Hilton, the thirde to Alice Kelly.

Item, I bequeth to everich of them 3 William, Thomas and Alice, a materasse.

To Robert Molland, my godis sone, 2 ewe lames, 2 steris, a cow, a heling, a paire of shetis and a paire of blanketts.

To Alice Kelly, my best bedis [beads], my best gurdall and my best standing cup couered.

Item, I bequeth 9 marce to a prest to sing for me and all my frendes in the church of Estluecome for a hole yere, and to say dirige and commendacions 2 tymes of the weke.

Item, I bequeth to every of my servauntes both men and women, a cowe or els a heyfer.

To every of my godchildren, an ewe or els an ewe lambe.

Item, I bequeth 6s. 8d. to finde the grete tapar before oure Lady while it will endure.

Item, I bequeth all my hangins of the hall, of the parlor and of the chambres, to William Kelly, Thomas Hilton and Alice Kelly, to departe it duely and truly betwixt theme 3.

Item, to the parsonne of Luckombe, a litill stonding cupp couerede of silver that I hade of the parsonne of Selworthy, to pray for us.

Item, to Margery Leyborne, a paire of shetes and a paire of blankettes, a couerlete and a materas; also my litill blew gurdill.

Item, to saint Nicholas light and to saynt Kateryne light, 2 ewes.

Item, I haue a chales and I wolde that the prest that shuld sing for me shull occupie it all the yere in Estluckombe, and after that yere I wold that William Kelly shulhaue it, and his

<sup>1</sup> English from here.



wif, and they to hold my moneth is day [*i.e.*, my month's mind] ones a yere during there lifes and corporas and supelaltare.

Item, I haue 2 paire of westymentes, a better and a worse, and as for the better I haue geve unto the church of Estluckombe, and as for the worse I wold my prest shuld sing in them the werke daies during the 12 monethis, and after that I geve them to William Kelly to serve his chapell.

The residue of all my goodes not bequethen, I yeve and bequeth to William Kelly and to Thomas Hilton, and I make them my very and true executors.

In witness wherof sir John Combe, prest ; William Cope ; William Hill and other.

Proved 26th August in the year aforesaid [1490] by John Withipoll, "*literati*," proctor, &c., and administration committed to William Kelly, the other executor renouncing, &c.

## 1488. JOHN BESTE.

[19 MILLES. FO. 158.]

8th March, A.D. 1488, I, John Beste, the elder, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the apostles Peter and Paul of the priory of Taunton.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Aisshe,<sup>1</sup> prior of the priory aforesaid, for tithes forgotten, 40s.

Item, to Master Nicholas Dissham, vicar of the parish church of St. Mary Magdalene of Taunton, to pray for my soul, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the new work in the said church of St. Mary Magdalene, and of the new tower there, after the decease of myself and my wife, one pipe of "woode."

Item, to Joan, daughter of John Beste, three measures (*mensuras*) of "woode" [woad].

Item, I bequeath to the store of the fraternity of the Holy Sepulchre in the same church, 3s. 4d.

<sup>1</sup> He succeeded Richard Glene as prior in 1475. Collinson (iii, 236) calls him *Ayshent* ; Hugo, correctly, *Aisshe*.

Item, to the fraternity of the Holy Cross in the said church, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the aforesaid John Best, my son, one pipe of "woode," and the like to Richard Best, my son, to John Scote and Joan, his wife, and to Richard Arnott and Alice, his wife.

Item, I bequeath to John Speke, esquire, 100s.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, after my debts are paid, I give and bequeath to Margery, my wife, and ordain her my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul; and, further, I ordain the said John Speke, esquire, overseer of this my will.

Proved 7th October, 1489, and administration committed to the executrix named, &c.

### 1489. RICHARD BURTON.

[13 DOGGETT. FO. 98.]

26th March, A.D. 1489, I, Richard Burton of Taunton, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial, and will that all my own and others' (*aliena*) debts for and in which I am bound shall be well and faithfully paid, to wit, 66*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which are due to Eleanor Eode by the bequest of Robert her father, and 20*li.* in money or in value by the bequest of Sybil her mother; and to John, son of the aforesaid Robert and Sybil, 100*li.*, and to Joan his sister, 100 marks, remaining in the hands of the Abbot of Cerne by two deeds obligatory sealed under the common seal of that convent; and to each of them 20*li.*, by the bequest of Sybil their mother as above; and 4*li.* 10*s.* remaining in the hands of Thomas Reynold of Southampton aforesaid (*sic*), and 23*li.* remaining in the hands of John Elvington of London, gentleman, executors of the will of Robert Baggeworth, late of Southampton, aforesaid. And, further, that 100*li.* which remain in my hands of the goods of William Mesurer, son and heir of Dionisius Mesurer, shall be well and faithfully paid when the time shall come, which remain in the hands of Thomas Lathum, my kinsman (*cognati*), dwelling in Taunton.

Item, I bequeath to the prior of Taunton, my rector, for my tithes forgotten, 40s., and to the convent of the same being present (*interessenti*) at the exequies and mass on the day of my burial and the day of my anniversary, 20s.

And to the vicar of Taunton for the like, 6s. 8d.

And to each chaplain serving in the said church, being (*existenti*) at the exequies and mass as above, 2s., and to each other chaplain serving within the Archdeaconry of Taunton being there as above, 12d.

Item, I bequeath to the service of the altar of the high cross (*alte crucis*) in the church of Taunton, 10s. And to the service of the altar of St. Sepulchre in the same church, 10s. And to the two holy water clerks (*aquebailulatoribus*) in the same church, 2s.

Item, I bequeath to the Friars Minor of Bruggewater, to pray for my soul and the souls of all the faithful deceased, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Friars of Yevilchester for the like, 6s. 8d.

Item, to William Down, chaplain, to pray as above, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the prisoners of Yevilchester, 20d.

Item, I will that five poor persons shall be clothed for (*erga*) the time of the exequies after my death (*obitum*), and that each of them shall hold in his hand one torch in the said exequies, and afterwards on the morrow in the mass, and so in like manner on the day of my anniversary, so that each of them shall have for the time sufficient victuals and 6d. in money counted, and that there shall be divided among the poor parishioners within the lordship of Taunton for (*erga*) the day of my burial, 66s. 8d.

Item, I will that my surviving feoffees shall make sufficient estate to Agnes my wife for the term of her life of and in all my lands and tenements in Taunton, Northtone, Hankerich and Wilton. And after her decease I will that the principal tenement, formerly John Blower's, in which I dwell shall remain to William Mesurer, son of the late Christina, daughter of the said John Blower, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and that all my other tenements in Taunton, late the aforesaid John Blower's, shall wholly remain to [blank] son and heir of the late aforesaid Thomas Blower, for the which lands and



tenements I and Alice, late my wife, paid to the aforesaid Thomas Blower during his life, 400*li*.

Item, I bequeath to Ralph Lathum, clerk, one "honest" bed sufficiently apparelled, and one maser (*murram*) worth 20*s*. and one covered silver cup worth 66*s*. 8*d*., and 10 marks in money; and to Sir William Cowper [blank]. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Agnes my wife to dispose as shall seem best to her, and I ordain her my executrix.

(No probate act, nor witnesses.)

[Inq. p. m., 8 Hen. VII, *S. A. and N. H. S.*, xlvii, ii, 20.]

### 1489. JOHN CHAUNCER.

[28 MILLES. FO. 225.]

17th June, A.D. 1489, I, John Chaunceler, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Keynesham.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells, 5*s*.

Item, to Thomas Nele, one blue (*blodiam*) gown (*togam*).

Item, to John Snelgañ, one doublet (*deploidem*) of "Worsted."

Item, I bequeath to the bells of the parish church of Kynsham aforesaid, 3*s*. 4*d*.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Edith, my wife, and Thomas Chaunceler, of Bath, my son, whom I ordain my executors.

In witness whereof to these presents I have affixed my seal; these being witnesses: Sir John Batte and Sir John Fox.

Proved 16th July in the year above written, and administration granted to the executrix.

## 1489. WALTER FYCHETT.

[25 MILLES. FO. 200.]

20th June, A.D. 1489, I, Walter Fychett, of Hasilbare, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of St. Michael the Archangel of Hasilbare.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells, 20*d*.

Item, to the parish church of Hasilbare aforesaid, 20*s*.

Item, to the vicar there, for my tithes forgotten, &c., 10*s*.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Crokehorne, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the church of Northperett, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I give and bequeath to Joan, my wife, all the utensils of my house, to wit, those which belong as well to the chamber as to the hall, pantry, and kitchen.

The residue of all my goods I will shall be equally divided between Joan, my wife, and Roger, my son, provided that the said Roger, out of his portion, shall divide 20*li*. between Thomas Fychett and Walter Fychett, sons of the said Roger; and Joan, my wife, my executrix; and make Thomas Cogan of Montacute, "mercier," my overseer (*supervisorem*).

Proved at Lambeth, 16th July, in the year abovesaid by the oath of William Beele (*literati*), proctor, &c., and administration committed.

## 1489. JOHN HAYNE.

[6 Vox.]

In Dei nomine, amen, the iiij<sup>th</sup> day of August the yere of oure Lord God M<sup>i</sup>CCCClxxxix, I, John Hayne, Preest<sup>1</sup> make my testament and wyll in this maner. Furst I bequeith my soule to allmighty God, &c., my body to be buried w<sup>in</sup> the church or churchyerd of Crokehom in such place as may be seyn convenient for me by myn executors agreing w<sup>t</sup> the wardens therof.

<sup>1</sup> The margin has "*Testamentum domini Johannis Hayne.*"



Item, I will that all my dettys be payd hooly and truely.

Item, I bequeith to seint Andrewys church at Wellys, xij*ð*.

Item, I bequeith to the church of Crokehome, vj*š*. viij*ð*.

Item, I bequeith to Wylyyam Webbe, vj*š*. viij*ð*. and a blew gowne.

Item, I bequeith to John Haslade a grene gowne.

Item, to the seid John, ij*š*.

The Residew of all my goodes, &c., I geve to Richard Haslade my cosen whom I make myñ executor and Thomas Haslade the fader of the seid Richard I make supervisor, and I geve unto hym for his labour, xii*š*. iiij*ð*.

Proved at Lambeth, 4<sup>th</sup> March, A.D. 1493, by the oath of Master John Sheffield, notary public, his proctor, &c. Administration committed to Richard Haslade, the executor, &c.

#### 1489. JOAN TWYNYHOO.

[3 VOX. FO. 23.]

2nd December, A.D. 1489, I, Joan, daughter of Thomas Rooley, and Margaret, his wife, late of Bristol, "marchaunt," and wife of Roger Twynyhoo, of Cayfforde, co. Somerset, esquire, with the licence (*licencia*) of my said husband, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial, to be buried in the chapel of St. Nicholas in the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Frome in Selwood, or in the chancel of the parish church of Teffownt Evias [Wilts.] at the end (*finem*) of the altar there, before the image of St. Anne, at the will and pleasure of my husband aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Salisbury, 2*š*.

Item, to the reparations of the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Bristol, in which church my said father and mother are buried, 6*š*. 8*ð*.

Item, to the reparations of the chapel of St. Nicholas in Frome aforesaid, 6*š*. 8*ð*.



Item, to the reparations of the parish church of Teffownt Evias, 6s. 8*d*.

And further, with the permission of my said husband, I will that immediately after my death and burial he shall find a suitable chaplain to pray for my soul, in one of the churches aforesaid, for one whole year next after my decease.

And moreover, by this my present will, I bequeath and devise to the said Roger Twynyho all my messuages, lands, and tenements, &c., in the town of Bristol and the suburbs thereof, as fully and wholly as the aforesaid Thomas Rooley and Margaret, his wife, by their last wills disposed and devised the same to me, my heirs and assigns; to hold to my said husband and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and, for default of such issue, to remain to the right heirs of my said father and mother.

Item, I will that my husband shall dispose of my utensils to William Twynyho and Stephen Payne, esquires, and to Cibille his wife, and to their sons and daughters, to pray for my soul, according to my last communication expressed to my said husband. And I make the said Roger my executor, to dispose for my soul as shall seem best to him.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents, these being witnesses: William Twynyho, Stephen Payne, esquires, Robert Payne, Giles South, Simon Mayho, Sir Robert Goddisgrace, chaplain, rector of Teffownt, Richard Homer, Kypnell, John Dove, Lawrence Hobyet, and many others.

Proved at Lambeth, 26th November, 1493, and administration committed to the executor.

### 1489. JOHN CLOPPE.

[35 MILLES. FO. 285.]

A.D. 1489, 2nd March, I, John Cloppe, make my will in this manner:

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of Charde before the image of St. Katherine.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells, 3*s*.

To the church of Cherde, *5li.*

To the service of the Blessed Mary of Cherde, *13s. 4d.*

To the service of St. Katherine there, *13s. 4d.*

To Sir Robert Huby, vicar there, and to each priest (*presbitero*) of the church of Cherde, *13s. 4d.*

Item, to William May, holywater clerk (*aquebainulo*) there, *20d.*

To the church of Southeperiton, *13s. 4d.*

To the church of Hilmister, *6s. 8d.*

To the church of Coumbe St. Nicholas, *6s. 8d.*

Item, to the Friars of Brigwater, *3s. 4d.*

Item, to the Friars of Hilchester, *3s. 4d.*

To the Friars of Bristow, *3s. 4d.*

Item, I bequeath to William Cloppe, my son, *6li. 13s. 4d.*

To Thomas Clopp my son, *6li. 13s. 4d.*; and the like sum to my daughters Alice Cloppe, Joan Cloppe and Isabella Cloppe severally.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Margaret, my wife, and William, my son, whom I constitute my executors.

These being witnesses: Sir Robert Huby, vicar there; Sir William Greynlawe, curate there; John Pynny and John Aldston the elder, and others.

Proved at Lambeth 25th May in the year abovesaid, by the oath of Master Nicholas Trappe, n.p., proctor and administration committed, &c.

## 1490. RICHARD LANGPORT.

[27 MILLES. FO. 217.]

I, Richard Langport, Archdeacon of Taunton, 20th June, A.D. 1490, make my will in this manner:

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the church of All Saints of Langport.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells, *12d.*

Item, to five poor persons, five black gowns with hoods (*quinque togas nigras cum capiciis*), to hold torches (*torticias*) on the day of my burial.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Wodehill, vicar of Langport, one hood (*capicium*) of "scarlett" furred (*penulatum*).

Item, to Sir John Gourde, chaplain, my breviary (*unum portiforium meum*), to pray for my soul.

The residue of all my goods I give and bequeath to John Shepard, my brother, whom I ordain my executor; and John Heyron, gentleman, overseer of this my will.

(Probate act not entered.)

### 1490. EDWARD BASING.

[34 MILLES. FO. 275.]

21st [or? 20] June, A.D. 1490, I, Edward Basing, of the parish of Clifford<sup>1</sup> in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary of Stanes.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Alice my wife; and ordain William Basing, my son, my executor, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem to him best to please God and to profit my soul.

These being witnesses: John Clarke, the writer of this will; Robert Parker, clerk; John Revell; Richard Andrews and Richard Wilsone.

(Probate act not registered.)

[Inq. p.m. of Edward Basing is dated 7 Hen. VII: see list in vol. xlvii of *Proc. S. A. and N. H. S.*, Part II. 7 Hen. VII is from Aug. 22, 1491, to Aug. 21, 1492.]

<sup>1</sup> There is no parish of this name in Somerset. According to Collinson (i, 235), in one of the north windows in the nave of Cannington Church, there is or was this inscription:—

"Orate pro bono statu Edwardi Basing."

I also find Clifford Lodge mentioned in Kelly's Directory as in the parish of Cannington.



## 1490. ALEXANDER TUSE.

[25 MILLES. FO. 205.]

20th July, A.D. 1490, I, Alexander Tuse<sup>1</sup> of Taunton in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner :

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of the Priory of Taunton, in the same monument in which Joan, my former wife (*anterior uxor mea*) was buried.

Item, I bequeath to the store (*instauro*) of the parish church of St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton, to the fabric of the new tower there, one pipe of woad (*gaide*) commonly called woode.

Item, to the store (*instauro*) of the fraternity of the Holy Sepulchre in the said parish church, 10s.

Item, to Master Nicholas Dissuñ, vicar of the said church, to pray for my soul, 20s.

To Thomas Tuse, my brother, one gown, one doublet (*deploidem*), one woollen garment (*canusiam*),<sup>2</sup> one girdle of leather with silver bands (*stipatis*), one hood (*capicium*) one felt hat (*caleptram*)<sup>3</sup> and one pair of hose (*caligarum*).

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Hoper, my servant, for his good service done to me, one pipe commonly called "de le woode."

Item, to John Tuse, son of the aforesaid Thomas Tuse, one gown.

Item, to William Colyns of Northcory, one gown.

Item, I bequeath to the amending of the King's highway (*vie Regie*) stretching from my tenement outside the east gate (*portam*) called Tilardisplace, as far as the water running next Fullond called Pyfford Water, 100s.

Item, I bequeath to the amending of the King's highway stretching from the east gate of the town of Taunton aforesaid, from the cross standing in the east part of the almshouses of the Hospital of St. Margaret towards Bathpole, 100s.

<sup>1</sup> The margin has "*Testamentum Alexandri Tuse generosi.*"

<sup>2</sup> Canusium, an ancient town in Apulia famous for its excellent wool, whence *canusinatus*, clothed in Canusian wool. (Andrews' *Lat. Dict.*)

<sup>3</sup> Caleptra, "*Pileus ex feltro confectus : chapeau de feutre.*" (*Ducange.*)

Item, to each of my godchildren, 12*d*.

And also I give and grant to a suitable chaplain a certain annual pension of 6*li*. for three years next following after my decease, to the intent that the said chaplain shall celebrate mass daily in the aforesaid church of St. Mary Magdalene, for the souls of me the said Alexander, of Joan and Joan my wives, and the souls of my parents, friends and benefactors; which chaplain shall say once in every week of each year of the said term *placebo* and *dirige* for the souls aforesaid.

The residue of all my goods next above bequeathed I give to John Tuse my son, whom I make my executor.

Proved 8th October in the year abovesaid, by William Beele, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executor named.

## 1490. JOHN SARGAR.

[37 MILLES. FO. 296.]

1st September, 6 Henry VII [1490], I, John Sargar, the elder, make my will in this manner:

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of Taunton.

Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Canons serving God there, one "Powderbox" "*utputa a pec*" of silver and gilt.

Item, I bequeath to the church of the Blessed Mary Magdalen of Taunton, one small silver cup.

Item, I bequeath to John Sargar, the younger, two dozen of silver spoons.

Also to the same John one large silver cup with the cover belonging to the same. Also one gilt cup called "a note," one standing bowl of silver half gilt, and one other standing bowl of silver.

Item, one silver gilt cup; one cup covered "flute"; one standing gilt maser; one covered "goblett" of silver; one other "goblett" of silver "chased"; and one covered silver salt.

Item, I bequeath to Walter my son, one covered silver salt;

one standing silver bowl; one cup of silver and a cover "chased"; one other covered "chased" cup; one "horne," bound with silver and gilt; three silver "masers" bound (*ligat*) and gilt; one standing "maser" bound with silver and gilt; three "goblettes" of silver; one dozen of silver spoons and four silver spoons, and one "bolle pece" of silver.

Item, I bequeath to Anastasia, my daughter, one "chased pece" of silver.

The residue of all and singular my goods not above bequeathed, I give and bequeath to the said John Sargar my brother, to dispose for my soul; and I make him executor of this my will.

Proved at Lambeth 10th February in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executor named.

#### 1490. HENRY BURNELL, ESQ.

[27 MILLES. FO. 216.]

A.D. 1490, on the eve of the Epiphany of our Lord, I, Henry Burnell, esquire, of the parish of Poyntyngdon in the diocese of Bath and Wells, [make my will as follows]:

I bequeith my body to be buried within the church of the monastery of Shirborn in such place as the Mynisters of god may stond upon my body in the tyme of the Redyng of the gospellis, or els my body to be buried in the myddys of the high aluter, so that my body may ligh part underneath the same aluter, so that the Mynesters of Crist that shall sey masses ther may stond upon my body whiles they shall mynester the blyssed sacrament of our Lordes body. Nevertheles I wilnot presume this of my self, but shall commytt this vnto the pleasure of the good Lorde and fader of the same monastery.

Item, I bequeith to the forseid good Lorde and fader 100s., to pray for my soule with placebo, dirige and masse of requiem.

Item, to my maister the prior and to all my maisters of the same Covent, 20s., for their labors and prayors in the tyme of myn obsequies.



Item, to the parisssh church of Shirborn, 10s., to pray for me in the tyme of myn exequies.

To the parisssh church of Poyntyngdon, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeith to the Cathedrall church of Wellys, for tithes forgotten, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the parisshe church of Yevill, 6s. 8d., to pray for me.

Item, to everich of the poor folkes of the almeshowse there, 8d., to pray for me.

Item, to the parish church of Poyntyngdon, 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeith to my gode and lovyng wyfe all my greynes as well at Cherleton as here at home, except that that shalbe necessary to be spend at my burying, my monethis mynd, and also to be departyd amonges pouer folkes in almes every Fryday in the Lent next commyng. Item, all my shepe, rotherbestes, with all my wenes and all thinges concerning husbondry, except 20 shepe the which I bequeith to Jane my daughter; also I will she remember John, her sonne and myne, to depart some catell and some of this husbondry at such season as he shall be abyll to sett up husbondry, if she leve so long; also except two kine, which I bequeith to the forseid Jane my daughter, also to my said daughter Jane a good weyght<sup>1</sup> of woll [wool].

I bequeith to the mariage of my daughter Margarete 200 marces, so that she mary with John Mychell esquier, dwellyng within the parish of Canyngton.

Item, I bequeith to Isabel my daughter 100 marces for her mariage.

Item, to my goddaughter Agnes, the which is in the Abbey of Wylton, there to be professyd a religious woman, 10 marces.

Item, to Alice, 100s., to make her a nonne in the priory of Canyngton.

Item, I bequeith to Petyr my sonne, nowe beyng in the College of Wynchester, 100s. yerely toward his exhibicion, and that to continewe to the tyme he be promotyd to a benefice.

<sup>1</sup> The *Library Dictionary* gives as one of the meanings of *weight*, "a definite mass of iron, lead, brass or other metal, to be used for ascertaining the weight of other bodies."

Item, to Willyam my sonne, after that he shalbe out of his moder's gouernance, 5 marces to finde him to scole.

I will that my dobelettes of sylke be made into corporas cases and other thinges to Goddes use, and my best gownes be given to my sonnes. The remnant of my weryng gere, except my cheynys of golde, shall be departyd betwix Henry Gardener, John Preest, John Tracy and Thomas Sebright my servants; and I bequeith to everych of them 10s. and their hole yeris wages.

Item, I bequeith to Sir Henry, my godsonne, 6s. 8d., to pray for me devoutly in his masses; also a weight of good woll to make him therewith a goode gowne and a hooe.

Item, to Sir Willyam, parish preest here, half a quarter of whete, a quarter of barley, a quarter of dregge,<sup>1</sup> to make him brede and ale with, to pray for me; also to sing placebo and dirige for me as oft tymes as it shall please him.

Also whereas I have 18 weyghtys of wulle besydes the bequestes aforeseyd, I will that it be solde to the uttermost value thereof, and the money employed to the bequestes aforeseyd.

Immediately after my dethe I will there be made by my trew executours a feithfull inventory of all my goodes, which shall be departyd in two, *i.e.*, one part thereof to perform this my will and to content my dettes, and the secunde part to my wife, save I will that my wife have thoccupacion of my plate while she levyth sole unmaried; so that after her deceese, other else that she mary, other leve unclene of her body ayenst the lawes of God, that then all the seid plate, except such as is her owne that is to say a standyng cuppe gilt; 3 bollyd peces swagid<sup>2</sup> with oon kover to the same, shall remayne to John my sonne and eyre, to whom I bequeith also my cheynes of gold, to be delyvered him as sone as he shalbe married, or els come to his full age. Also I bequeith to him and all the remnant of my children Cristes hole blessing and myne.

<sup>1</sup> Dredge, a mixture of various kinds of grain, especially of oats and barley sown together. (*N. E. D.*)

<sup>2</sup> Swage, "a tool used by workers in metals for shaping their work; a kind of mould, of which there are usually two, an under mould into which the heated metal is put, and an upper one which is hammered down over it till the two meet and the casting is made." (*Library Dictionary.*)

I ordeign my good lord and fader of the forseid monastery of Shirborn, Maister Richard, Doctor Fitz James, and my trusty wife Isabell Burnell, and such other as it shall please my said lord to name to hym, my executours.

In witness whereof I, the seid Henry Burnell, to this present testament have set my seal and sign manual.

(Probate act not registered.)

[This will is written in English. Testator's Inq. p. m., 6 Hen. VII, vol. xlvii, *S. A. and N. H. S.*]

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## 1490. ROBERT SAUNDRE.

[27 MILLES. FO. 217.]

I, Robert Saundre, rector of the parish church of Merston, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Merston aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to the said church of Merston, 100*s.*

Item, to the Carthusian monastery of Witham, 100*s.*

Item, to each "copill" of men and women married within the parish aforesaid, 3*s.* 4*d.*

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to the Prior of Witham, whom I constitute overseer, and to William Powton, whom I constitute executor, of this my will.

(Probate act not registered ; the last probate act fully dated is of the year 1490.)

[1490-1, January 4, Hen. Rolston was instituted rector of Marston Bigot, "per mortem Roberti Saunders." (*Som. Incs.*, p. 138.)]

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## 1491. WILLIAM STENYNG.

[8 DOGGETT.]

10th May, A.D. 1491, I, William Stenyng, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of All Saints of Selworthy.

Item, I bequeath 5 marks to the said church to buy a chalice, to pray for my soul, and for the soul of Maud my wife, and for the soul of Thomas Stenyng, rector of the said church, and for the souls of Robert my son and Leva his wife, and for the souls of my son William and Agnes his wife, and for the soul of Thomasine Pym my daughter.

Item, I bequeath to Edward Stenyng, my heir, one cup of silver and gilt called a "goblet," and a primer (*primarium*), also brass bowls, plates (*patellas*), spits and andirons (*veruta et Ipopurgia*) and other household stuff (*domicilia*) to the value of 20 marks.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Colynges, rector of the church aforesaid of Selworth, 6s. 8d., to pray for my soul and the souls aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Benett of Porlocke, chaplain, 6s. 8d., to pray for my soul.

Item, to Sir Peter Trott, my godson, 6s. 8d., to pray for my soul.

Item, to Sir Walter Funteyn of Selworthy, chaplain, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the aforesaid church of Selworth, one book which is called "the Golden Legend" (*Legendā aur̃*), to pray for my soul.

Item, to John Trott, my best gown.

To William Kent, another gown.

Item, to Thomas Yate, a short . . . (here the registered copy leaves off).

[This will is incomplete, and no filed will exists.]

## 1491. ROBERT CARTER.

[40 MILLES. FO. 320.]

19th May, A.D. 1491, I, Robert Carter of Chew, co. Somerset, husbondman, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew of Chew.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells, 4*d*.

Item, to the church of Chew, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the chapel of the Blessed Mary, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to a suitable priest, to celebrate for my soul in the church of Chew for one whole year, 6*li*.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Agnes my wife, whom I ordain my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul.

Item, I bequeath to John Moore 3*s*. 4*d*. for his labour, and I ordain him overseer of this my present will.

Proved 31st May, 1491, and administration committed to the executrix.

## 1491. THOMAS BROWNE.

[27 Vox.]

The 6th day of June in the yere of our Lord 1491, I, Thomas Browne of Yatton, ordeyne my testament in this wise:—

I bequethe my body to be buried in the North side within the chirch of Yatton, and unto the use of the said chirch I bequethe 40*s*. in money.

Item, I bequethe to the cathedrall church of Wellys, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I ordeine and bequethe unto John my elder sonne alle my londes atte Upton St. Leonard within the coñ. of Gloucester, after the decease of my wife; and 40*li*. in money.

Item, to my sonne Robert, 10*li*.

To my daughter Elizabeth, 4 pipes of Woode.

To my daughter Isabell, 2 pipes Woode.

To Katherine, my doughter, 10 marc.

To Roger Moore, my sonne in law, 4 flatte peces.

Item, to every godchilde, 4*d*.

The residue of alle my goodes not bequeth, I yeue to Isabelle my wife, whome I make my sole executrice; and hereto I put my seale in the presence of Roger Moore, Robert Neder, John Yonge and other.

Proved 16th January, 1495, and administration committed to the executrix named.

[Written in English.]

## 1492. JOHN WANSFORD.

[22 DOGGETT.]

I, John Wansford, Subdean and Canon Residentiary of the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, on the 8th day of May, A.D. 1492, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the cathedral church aforesaid before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the north part of the entrance (*introitus*) of the choir of the said church, where the choristers (*choriste*) sing the antiphonies, in honour of the same glorious Virgin Mary.

Item, I will that all my debts shall be paid, and that my funeral expenses shall be made in all things congruous and decently as is fitting, without any worldly pomp.

Item, I will that to each poor person coming on the day of my burial to have alms there shall be given 1*d*.

Item, I give to each canon and vicar of the said cathedral church of Wells present at my exequies to be celebrated in my house, 8*d*.; at my exequies in the choir of the aforesaid cathedral church, 8*d*., and at the mass of requiem on the morrow, 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to every such canon and vicar present at my exequies on the day of the trental (*die trigintali*) and at the mass of requiem to be celebrated in the said church, 16*d*.

Item, to each chorister and tabularist (*tabulario*) present at my said exequies and masses, 4*d*.



Item, to each chaplain of the new college of SS. Anne and Catherine of the city of Wells present at my exequies and mass to be celebrated in the said college, 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to Alice Marton, nun of the house of nuns of Keldhome in co. York, 40*s*. and one maser (*mirram*) with the cover belonging to the same of silver and gilt.

Item, to every nun of Keldhome aforesaid, 12*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells aforesaid, 40*s*.

Item, I bequeath for my obit to be held in the said church for ten years immediately following my death, 13*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I will that a mass shall be said daily (*cotidie*) every day or at pleasure (*de die vel ad placitum*) in the chapel of the Blessed Mary which is called Jesina<sup>1</sup> by a vicar choral for the space of ten years in the said cathedral church, and that each such vicar choral thus celebrating shall receive per week 14*d*.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Pulvercroft, my servant, 40*s*., and one basin and one candlestick and one ewer (*lavacrum*) of "latyn."

Item, to Robert Botiller, my servant, 40*s*., one basin, one ewer and one candlestick of "latyn."

Item, to Stephen Bullok, 26*s*. 8*d*., one basin, one ewer and one candlestick of "latyn."

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Baldwyn, vicar choral of the cathedral church aforesaid, one maser (*murram*) with the cover of silver and gilt.

Item, I will that my executors shall ordain wax tapers (*cereos*), made of 10 lbs. of wax and eight torches to burn around my body at the time of the exequies, mass and burial on the day of my death (*obitus*).

Item, I will that my executors shall cause to be celebrated on the day of my death (*obitus*) and within fourteen days immediately following 100 masses for the health of my soul; and for each mass they shall give 4*d*.

Item, I will that none of my executors shall have his legacy unless he takes upon him the burden of the execution of this my will; but that the legacy of him so refusing shall be divided among the other executors.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 361, note 1.

Item, I bequeath to Master William Bokett, Doctor of Decrees, canon residentiary of the cathedral church abovesaid, my second best bowl (*craterem*) of silver with the cover partly gilt.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Menyman, vicar choral of the said church, my third best bowl of silver with the cover.

Item, to John Claveslesley, my fourth best bowl of silver with the cover.

Item, to each of my executors, 66s. 8d.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Master William Bokett, John Menyman, and John Clavelleslay, whom I ordain my executors; and I make William Spencer, my kinsman (*cognatum*), merchant, of the town of Bristol, my overseer, to which William Spencer, I bequeath and for his labour dispose my best bowl of silver with the cover partly gilt, weighing 23 $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents.

Witnesses: Master Thomas Golderiche, priest (*presbitero*) and by apostolic authority notary public, and Thomas Morys of the city of Wells, "*litterato*."

Proved 3rd February, 1492, by John Clavelleslay, executor, and administration committed to the said John, with power reserved, &c.

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## 1492. WALTER DOLYNG.

[29 DOGGETT.]

6th July in the yere of the Incarnation of our Lord 1492, I, Water Dolyng, make my testament in this wise:—

I bequeith my body to be buried where as hit shall please God to dispose for hit.

Item, I bequeith to my lord prior of Taunton for offerings and tithes forgotten and left behynde, 40s.

Item, to maister Nicholas Disham, vicar of the Church of Mary Mawgdeleyn in Taunton, to pray for my soule, 20s.

Item, to the making of the newe towre of the seid church, there to be praied for, 40s.

Item, to the service of the high crosse of the seid church, 3*s.* 4*d.*

To the service of the sepulchre in the seid church, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to Johanne Dolyng, my daughter, 40*li.*

To Isabell, my daughter, 40*li.*

Item, to Thomas, my son, 40*li.*

To Agnes, my daughter, 40*li.*; undre this forme folowyng, that is to wite that if hit so happe that Johanne my daughter fortune to deye and departe to God then I will that the 40*li.* before to her bequeithen resorte and turne to the use and profit of all my next children then living; and so undre that forme that hit may be from childe to childe. And if hit so happe that all my seid children fortune to deye, then I wull that my seid money so bequeithed be putt into sure hands, and to haue an honest preste to pray for my soule, my fadre and modre, children, wyf, and all my good dears, till hit be fully so spent. Also if my seid children so living will not be ruelled by their modre, my wyf, and Thomas Fisshar in their mariages and guydyng, then I will that my seid wif and Thomas Fisshar dispose hit at their pleasure and will, and nott as theirs in no wise.

Item, I bequeith to Harry Dolyng, my brother, my best gowne furred or lyned whatsoeuer he be, with a gilt cuppe couered.

Item, to Margarete, my suster, a paire of bedes of corall gaudied with siluer and gilt, to pray for my soule.

Also I bequeith to pover people havynge moost nede, to pray for my soule, a pece of good bukeram cloth.

Item, I wull at the day of my burieng that the hole herce of the sepulchre with all the light therto belonging brenne about my body duryng the season till the service and masses be doon therefor paieng to the wardens thereof 10*s.*

Item, I wull that Master vicar haue beyng at my dirige and at my masses 12*d.*; and euery prest there beyng to haue 4*d.*, and euery clerke, 2*d.*, that syngeth there.

Item, I wull that my lord prior of Taunton have, he beyng at my dirige and at masse in the morowe in the priorie, 3*s.* 4*d.*; and the supprior, 2*s.* 6*d.*; and euery Chanon there being at my dirige, 12*d.*, and euery novice, 8*d.*



Item, I wull that there be 6 pover people clothed in blak bering 6 torches, every of thaym to haue a blak gowne, a hode to the same, and 2*d.* in money, and mete and drynke.

Also I will that immediatly after my deth my burgage with thappurtenaunce that Richard Best nowe dwelleth yn be delivered in fee for euer unto my lord prior of Taunton, to pray for my soule; that is to wite that immediatly after my deth there be in the churche of the seid priory euery day whiles the wordle standeth a rennyng masse<sup>1</sup> ther seyde, praying for me, my wif, our fadres and modres and all our children and all our good dears. And in any wise that there be suertee founde by the seid priorye undre the Convent seale that this in any wise be truly doon, and els that this place be yn no wise delivered.

Also I will that incontinent after my decesse myne executors ordayne an honest preste to singe masse and praie for my soule the space of an hole yere in the chapell of Jhus within the churche of St. Mary Mawgdeleyn in Taunton.

Also I bequeith to Richard Yong, brother to my wif, a fyne pece of douglas,<sup>2</sup> and my secunde best gowne, and my signet of gold that is graven.

Also I bequeith to Nicholas Whitlond, son unto my wif, 40*s.*

To eueryche of myne apprentices nowe being with me above their covenantes and wages, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Also I bequeith to the high way betwixt this and blakbroke brige for the mendyng of hit, 40*s.*

The residue of all my goodes not bequeithen I give and bequeith to Mawde my wif, to dispose thaym as hit shall please her; and of this my last will I make and ordeyne Mawde my wif and Thomas Fisshar myne executors.

In witnes whereof I haue writen this my testament with myne owne hand and sealed hit with my signet.

Proved, 27th August, 1493, by Thomas Fisshar of Taunton, executor named, and William Beele, proctor in this behalf of Maud the relict and executrix, and administration committed, &c.

[Written in English.]

<sup>1</sup> "*Missa currens*," a mass running on from day to day (see *Notes on Medieval Services in England*, by Chr. Wordsworth, p. 17).

<sup>2</sup> Probably for *dowlas*, a coarse linen manufactured in Normandy and Brittany.

## 1492. JOHN LASTY.

[7 Vox. fo. 50.]

17th January, A.D. 1492, I, John Lasty, canon residentiary of the cathedral church of Wells, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary next the cloister of the cathedral church aforesaid, near the tomb wherein lies buried the body of John Lasty my nephew.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said cathedral church of Wells 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath 20s. to be distributed amongst the poor on the day of my burial, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to Master John Gunthorp, Dean of the said cathedral church, one standing cup, silver gilt, with its cover, which cup I gave to him heretofore and put him in full possession thereof, reserving to me the use of the said cup so long as it should please the most High for me to live (*agere in humanis*).

Item, I bequeath to Master Nicholas Nykke, Doctor of both laws (*utriusque juris*), my kinsman (*cognato*), one silver gilt cup with its cover of like make with the cup I have above bequeathed to the said Master John Gunthorp, and my best silver salt with its cover.

Also three books of Marcus Tullius Cicero ; the first, to wit, of the epistles, 2° fo.: *Altricacione* ; the second, "*de officijs*," 2° fo.: "*neque ulla*"; and the third, "*de amicia*" (*sic*), 2° fo.; *mo. videretur*.

Item, I bequeath to Richard Burley, esquire, my ring of gold, to pray for my soul.

Item, to Sir Richard Tyke, priest, my small breviary (*portiforium*), to pray for my soul.

Item, to John Rosby, my servant (*servienti*), all the apparel being in my parlour (*parlura*) in which I lie, to wit, my whole bed there, and the cloths hanging round the walls of the said parlour, with all and singular the "bankers, quysshons," tables, little forms (*formulis*) and stools (*scabellis*) and all the fire

utensils (*instruments ad ignem*) to the same belonging, the ancient utensils, if there be any there, nevertheless excepted.

Item, I bequeath to the said John Rosby, 40s., to pray for my soul.

Item, to Thomas Awne, my servant, all and singular the vessels of every sort belonging to my kitchen, to wit, "pottis, pannes, Andyrans, Rackes, Hokes, Crokes, broches, knyves"; and 40s. in money.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Geele, my servant, all the apparel being in my hall, to wit, the cloths hanging there, six "quyshons and banker," and all things to the same belonging, to wit, bordys, tabils and scabels; ancient utensils and hall tables (*tablis allaribus*) fixed to the ground (*terre*) and other fixtures (*alijs stabilitate*) there nevertheless excepted; also 20s. in money to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Goldwege, priest (*presbitero*), for his labour bestowed upon me, my second best gown, to pray for my soul.

Item, to Otho More of Welle, my silver gilt "goblet" with its couer, having a ring wrought (*expressum*) on the said cover, to pray for my soul.

Item, I bequeath to Margery Awne, wife of the said Thomas, my servant, one gown at the discretion of my executors.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to the said Master Richard Nycke, whom I make my sole executor, to dispose at his discretion as shall seem best to him.

In witness whereof I have called Masters Thomas Goldwege and Robert Williamson, by apostolic authority notaries public, Sir Richard Tyke, chaplain, Otho More and Thomas Awne, then there present, to bear witness to the truth upon the making of this my present will.

Proved 5th February, 1493, by the oath [blank].



## 1492. JOHN HUGYN, ESQ.

[11 Vox.]

A.D. 1492, I John Hugyn, esquire, make my will in this manner.

My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Andrew of Witstaunton.

Item, I bequeath to the church aforesaid xl.s.

Item, I bequeath to the light (*lumini*) of the Blessed Mary of Witstaunton my best gown (*togam*).

Item, I bequeath to the same church one doublet (*deploidem*) of "velewett," and another doublet (*deploidem*) of "Satyn."

Item, I bequeath to the church of Wellys iijs. iiijd.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Combe, iijs. iiijd.

Item, to the church of Buklonde iijs. iiijd.

To each of my godsons (*cuilibet confilio meo*) an "Ewe."

Item, to Denis, my servant, three sheep.

To William Stere two gowns and two doublets (*deploides*).

Item, I bequeath to Elizabeth Stere and to the wife of William Stere eight yards of cloth.

Item, to Walter Hugyn, my brother, one pair of new hose (*caligarum*).<sup>1</sup>

Item, I bequeath to Joan, my daughter and heir, all my "plate."

Item, I bequeath to the rector of Witstaunton one "*le crophe de le Otys*" in the close called "Hele," in the year first following.

Item, I bequeath to Parnella, my little girl (*parve mee puelle*), C.s.

The residue of my goods I give to Elizabeth my wife, whom I make my executrix to dispose for the health of my soul.

Item, I bequeath to Roger Holand 4 marks, whom I make supervisor.

Item, "*lego xij boues ad inde faciendum unam capellam super me juxta ostium cancelli in australi parte ecclesie.*"

Proved at Lambeth 27th April, A.D. 1494, by the oath of Elizabeth, the relict and executrix named, &c.

<sup>1</sup> *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 248.

## 1493. THOMAS MORE.

[2 VOX. FO. 14.]

10th April, A.D. 1493, I, Thomas More, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the church of St. Andrew of Chedder, to be buried there before the altar of St. Nectanus by Joan, late my wife; and for this burial I bequeath to the said church 20s.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells 20s.

Item, to each light (*lumini*) of the said church, 8d.

Item, to the vicar of the said church, 20d., and to each priest (*sacerdoti*) of the same, 12d., and to the holy-water clerk (*aquebailulo*) 8d.; to the sacristan (*sacriste*) of the said church, 4d.

Item, I bequeath to Richard Ellyswordy 10s., and to Richard Baker, 6s. 8d.; to John Wynter, 6s. 8d.; to William Evan, 3s. 4d.; to Charles Harper, 3s. 4d.; to Alice Hummer, 100s., six spoons and a "maser"; to Alice Whytyng, 10s.; to Joan Browne, 3s. 4d.; and to each of my godchildren of either sex, 6d.

Item, I bequeath to John Store one gown (*togam*), and six spoons, one cup and one maser (*murram*).

To Robert Colyns, one gown.

To Andrew Colyn, one gown.

To Anne Smalcome, six spoons.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Agnes my wife, to John Benet the elder and John Benet the younger, whom I ordain my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul.

Proved before Master Robert Shirbourne, Treasurer of the cathedral church of Hereford, commissary, &c., 24th July, 1493, and administration committed, &c.

## 1493. JOHN HOWNESLOW.

[31 VOX.]

The 28th day of April, A.D. 1493, I, John Howneslowe, late of the town of Bristol, "*mercator*," diocese of Worcester, of the

age of 22 years, then servant and apprentice of John Geffreys *alias* Cokkes, of the city of Bath, alderman.

My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Mary de Stalles, diocese of Bath and Wells.

Item, I bequeath to the mother cathedral church of Wells *iiij* *d.*

Item, I bequeath to find a fit priest to celebrate for my soul and the souls of my parents for the space of two years in the said parish church of St. Mary of Stalles 18 marks of lawful money of the goods bequeathed to me by the will of my father, as yet being in the hands of his executors.

Item, I bequeath 40*s.* to buy a book called "*magnum portiforium*," otherwise called "*Legger*," to remain in the said parish church, of the goods bequeathed to me by the will of my said father, being in the hands of his executors.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Payne, my brother, of the said goods *xx* *s.*

Item, "*lego duabus amisis vocatis 'auntes' utrique illarum*, *xx* *s.*"

Item, I bequeath all and singular lands, rents, and tenements which my said father purchased of the house of the abbey of Nethe to the said John Geffreys *alias* Cokkes my master.

The residue of all my goods I give to the said John Geffreys, my master, whom I make my executor by these presents.

These being witnesses: Sir John Chaundeler, my confessor, Richard Stephyns, clerk of the said parish church, David Thomlyns, and many others.

Proved at Lambeth 27th July, A.D. 1496, by the oath of Robert Donoff, proctor, &c. Administration committed to the executor named, &c.

### 1493. ELISABETH CHOCKE.

[28 DOGETT.]

The v day of May in the yere of our Lord God M<sup>c</sup>ccclxxxxiiij.

I Elisabeth Chocke being in pure widiowhode professed and



sacred to holy chastite, vexid with bodyly syknes nevertheles hole and perfite in mynde thanked be my Lord God, &c.

Furst I bequeith my soule to allmyghty God my maker to our Lady saint Mary and to all the holy saintes of heuen and my body to be laide besides my husbond within the parish church of Stauntondrewe.

Also I bequeith to the modre church of Welles, iij*ʒ*. iiij*ʒ*.

Also to the church of foresaide Stauntondrewe, xl*ʒ*.

Item, I bequeith to the Image of our Lady standing at the high aulter in the said parish church the Ring of my profession.

Item, to the vicare of the foresaid Stauntondrewe to pray for my soule and the soules of my frendes, xx*ʒ*.

Item, to the parissch preste of the said Staunton Drewe, v*ʒ*. viij*ʒ*.

Item, to the parissch church werke of Longeaishton, xx*ʒ*.

Item, to the chapell of our Lady in the church yerde of Chewes, ii*ʒ*. iiij*ʒ*.

Item, to Isabell Cocke my servant, v*ʒ*. viij*ʒ*.

Also I will that myñ executours cause to be expended at my funerallis and monethis mynde amonge prestes pour people and in other thinges necessary and belonging to the same entent to the sūme of xl marks.

Furthermore I will and ordeigne the charges of my funerallis with the monethis mynde performed and donne my dettes truly paide the testament of my husbond fully executed myn executours according to reason manerly for there labour rewarded my household servantes of there wagis contentede, then of such goodes as shall remayne unbequethed that it woll please myñ executours of there charite to purvey an honest prest by y<sup>e</sup> space of a yere, other ij at there pleasure, dayly when he is disposede to say his masse in the said parissch church of Stauntondrewe, praying specyally for the soules of my husbond and myñ and for such soules as shall please myn executours to assigne. The Residue of all my goodes (&c.) I frely geve to sir John Sintloo, knight, and to John Chock my son whom I make myñ executours.

Theis witnes. Nichus Saintlow, Maude his Syr, Hugh Wabone, parson of Crowmale, and sir Denys parissch prest.

Proved at Lambeth 26th August, A.D. 1493, by the oath of Robert Donoff, "*literati*," proctor, &c. Administration committed to the executors named, &c.

[Inq. p. m., 9 Hen. VII, *S. A. and N. H. S.*, xlvii, ii, 25.]

### 1493. THOMAS OVEREY.

[4 VOX. FO. 27.]

18th July, 1493, I, Thomas Overey,<sup>1</sup> of Wells, clerk and precentor of the cathedral church of Wells, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the new chapel of the Blessed Mary next the cloister (*claustrum*) of the cathedral church aforesaid, before the door (*ostium*) of the entry (*introitus*) into the chancel of the said chapel, at the back of (*retro*) the grave (*sepulturam*) of my lord of good memory, Robert, late bishop of Bath and Wells.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, 40s.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Westmonkton, 20s.

To the fabric of the church of Pylton, 20s.

To the fabric of the church of Congresbury, 20s.

To the fabric of the church of St. Laurence of Wyke, 20s.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Compton Dunden, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Overay, my brother, one gown of "Muster de vylers"<sup>2</sup> furred (*penulatam*) with "Calabyr Grey"<sup>3</sup>; also 66s. 8d. in money.

Item, I bequeath to Eleanor Sydenham, my sister, one long gown (*togam talarem*) of Crymysen, and in money counted (*numerata*) 40s.

Item, I bequeath for the marriage of Joan and Alice, daughters of John Sydenham and the aforesaid Eleanor, his wife, 10 marks of money of England, to wit, to each of them 66s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Called "*Magister*" in margin.

<sup>2</sup> Grey cloth made at Montevilliers in Normandy.

<sup>3</sup> Calabrian badger fur, grey = badger. (See Skeat's Dictionary.)

Item, I bequeath to Peter Overey, my brother, 40s.

Item, to Robert Overay, my kinsman (*consanguineo*), the elder, 100s.

To Robert Overay, my kinsman (*consanguineo*), the younger, 100s., and a silver piece.

Item, to Isabel, his wife, one long (*talarem*) gown (*togam*) of scarlett furred (*penulatam*) with "popilfurr."<sup>1</sup>

Item, I bequeath to Sir Richard Mader<sup>2</sup> of Mounkton one long (*talarem*) gown of "Musterdevilers" with its hood.

Item, to the parish church of Laceby one osculatory, "Anglice paxbrede," to the value of 20s.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Algar of Congaresbury one other long gown of "Musterdevilers" with a hood.

Item, to the parish church of Bradeley,<sup>3</sup> where I was baptized, another osculatory of the value of 20s.

Item, I bequeath to Master Thomas Wade my gown of russet (*roseti*) colour, which I late had of Elizabeth Symmys of Monkton.

Item, to Thomas Gryffyth, my servant (*servienti*), 20s.

To John Cowper, 26s. 8d.

To David Panter, 20s.

To Roger Pomefeld, 20s.

To John Evan, 20s.

To Richard Kymber, 20s.

To Richard Bythesee, 20s.

To John Benne, my boy (*puero*) for his exhibition at school, 20s.

And I will that if the said John shall proceed to the grade of priest he shall have one of my worst breviaries (*portiforibus*) at his choice.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Bargh 20s.

To Alice Dent, my kinswoman, to her marriage, 40s.

<sup>1</sup> Pople, fur from the back of the squirrel. (Fairholt's *Costume in England*.) This rare word occurs in Rogers's *Agriculture and Prices*, i, v, p. 122, "The garment was trimmed with fur . . . various as miniver, bug-eye, *popul* and stanling."

<sup>2</sup> R. Mader was Overay's curate at West Monkton; he was afterwards Vicar of Pitminster, and died in 1509.

<sup>3</sup> This is Bradley, co. Lincoln, a few miles south of Grimsby, in the register of which latter parish the name Overay occurs at the beginning of the register (1538).



Item, I bequeath to Master Richard Nykke<sup>1</sup> one silver bowl "powneced,"<sup>2</sup> with a cover, called "a Riding Cupp."

Item, to Thomas Griffith's wife, my green cloak (*clamidem*).

Item, to Isabel Overey, my bed in the great chamber with the apparel thereof.

Item, I will that my executors shall sell my best cup of serpentine stone gilt, and with part of the price thereof coming shall have and maintain one suitable chaplain, to pray for three years after my decease, and to celebrate divine service for my soul and for the souls of my lords Robert Stillyngton, late bishop of Bath and Wells, and John Valence,<sup>3</sup> late bishop of Tenos (*Tinensis*).

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and commit to the discretion of my executors, whom I make the venerable man Master Richard Nykk, Thomas Wade, clerk, Robert Overay, my brother, John Sydenham of Wyuelescombe, Robert Overay the elder and Robert Overay the younger, my kinsmen. And I will that each of my executors aforementioned shall receive of my goods, for his labour, 40s.

These being witnesses: Sir Richard Deke, chaplain, John Cowper, Robert Boughe and others. Given at Wells.

Proved at Lambeth 5th November, 1493, and administration committed to the executors.

[This will has been published in the *Reliquary* for October, 1893 (N.S., vol. vii, No. 4, p. 218), with notes by the present editor, from which we take the following dates:—

1449.—Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

1450, June 16.—Rector of Cheddton.

1450-1, January 23.—Supplicates for B.C.L. Oxon.

1453-5.—Principal of Deep Hall, Oxford.

1459, June 15.—Rector of Stawleigh.

1459-60, January 8.—Vicar of Milverton.

1465, December 23.—Vicar of Wellington.

1467-8, February 13.—Rector of Badgworth.

1470, September 22.—As Prebendary of Compton Dundon presents to that vicarage.

<sup>1</sup> Archdeacon of Wells 1494, Bishop of Norwich 1501-36.

<sup>2</sup> Indented or pricked with a sharp instrument, a method of ornamenting plate used by the Moors in letters or shapes of flowers. (*Test. Vel.*, i, xxxii.)

<sup>3</sup> Suffragan of Wells, 1459-79. (*Reg. Sac. Angl.*, 2nd ed., p. 200.) His surname was unknown till this will was found.

- 1470, October 4.—Vicar of Clevedon.  
 1471.—Chancellor of Wells.  
 1471-2, February 19.—Precentor of Wells.  
 1471-2, March 12.—Rector of Westmonkton.  
 1479, June 13.—Vicar of Congresbury.  
 1493, August 10.—Thomas Colson collated to the stall of Compton  
 Dundon "per mortem Thome Overay."  
 (The authorities are given in the *Reliquary*.)]

### 1493. ADAM HAMELYN.

[29 DOGGETT.]

The eve of saint Margarete the virgyne and in the yere of our lord God 1493, I, Adam Hamelyn of Brigewater, make this my present testament and last will as foloweth:—

I bequeith my body to be buried in the churche of the towne aforesaid.

Also I bequeith to the high auter a cuppe of siluer.

Also to euery auter in the same churche, 12*d*.

Also I bequeith to the seid high auter, 2*s*.

Also I bequeith to Isabell my wife all the occupieng and kepyng of my plate and jewelles for terme of her liffe.

Also to John Wymer and Margarete his wif a cuppe and a salt of siluer immediatly after the deth of the seid Isabell; and also a pipe of wode; and I forgive all suche dettes and dueties as the seid John is now to me owyng.

Also I bequeith to John Hamlyn my brother a pipe of wyne and a pipé of wode.

To William Burges, a cuppe of siluer.

Also I giue and bequeith to the seid Isabell my wif all my landes and tenementes that I haue in Brigewater and in the hundred of Northpederton for terme of her lyf. And after the deceasse of the seid Isabell I will that all the seid landes in Northpederton aforesaid called Shobell remayne to the seid John Wymer and Margarete and to the heires of the same Margarete; and for defaute of issue of the seid Margarete I will that all the seid landes remayne to John Hamlyn my brother and his heires, and for defaute of issue of the said John

to remayne to my heires that shalbe next of my blode. And for the tenement that I now dwell yn I wull that the Maier Ballives and burges of the towne aforeseid, by the way and right of their corporacion, immediatly after the deth of the seid Isabell my wif, do enter and sease in the seid tenement, and hit to holde and kepe to thayme and their successors undre this condicion to this my will so that of thissues and profittes of the same tenement yerly to be had by the Chantry preste of the perpetuall chantry in the churche aforeseid be kept a solempne obite there for my soule and my wife's soule, our faders and moders soules and all our frendes for ever. And the residue of the revenues cummyng of the seid tenement to goo to the augmentation and contentacion of masses to be seid chapell for euer more. And as for the tenement that now Harry lily toker dwelleth yn, after the decease of the seid Isabell my wif, I wull to remayne holy to my heires for euer.

All other goodes and dettes to me due I give thaym to Isabel my wif, that she doo pay my dettes, and doo for her soule and myne and all cristen soules; the whiche Isabell I make my hole executrice.

Witnes herof: John Parys, late beyng Maier of the seid towne and notary public; John Hamlyn; Robert Kokes; William Burges and meny others.

Proved 28th August, 1493, by William Beele, proctor in this behalf, and administration committed to the relict and executrix named.

[Written in English.]

### 1493. JOHN HAYNE.

[3 Vox.]

The 28th day of August, A.D. 1493, I, John Hayne, &c.  
My body to be buried in the church of Bruham.

Item, I bequeath to the same church one heifer (*juvencam*).

Item, to the cathedral church of Wells, iij<sup>s</sup>.

Item, to the churche of Frary,<sup>1</sup> iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The modern Witham Friary; it was a house of Carthusian monks.



Item, I bequeath to the priory of Stauerdale one heifer.

The residue of my goods I give to John Exhyl and Agnes, my wife, and I make them my executors; that they may ordain and dispose for my soul as shall seem best to them.

Proved at Lambeth.

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### 1493. MARGERY MOLEYNs.

[10. VOX. FO. 73.]

A.D. 1493, the 13th day of September, I, Margery Moleyns, late wif of Robert Moleyns of Bruton within the dioces of Bath and Wellis, make my testament in this maner of fourme :—

I bequeyth my body to be buried in the churcheyerd of Bruton by "gibbis mary"; and I bequeith to the modur church of Wellis *12d.*

Also I bequeith to the werkis of the parishe church of Bruton a cuppe of siluer.

Also I bequeith to the brethered of our Lady in the said church a maser.

Item, I bequeith to our Lady in the Priory church my wedding ring.

The residew of my goodis not geuen nor bequeithen, my dettes paid, I geue and bequeith to John Brokeway, my sonne in law, and Alis his wife, whom I ordaine myne execeturs, that they ordayne and dispose for the helth of my soule as they best thinke.

Theis beryng witnes : Sir Edward Huchins, my Curate ; Willm Clerk ; John Monke. Item, John Braunche ; Thomās floure ; Symond Bushe ; Willm Reynolds ; John Baker ; with many other.

Proved 4th May, 1494, and administration granted, &c., &c.

[Written in English.]

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## 1493. HENRY BYSSHOP.

[3 VOX. FO. 21.]

23rd October in the year of our Lord 1493, I, Henry Bysshop of Taunton, marchaunt, make my testament undre forme folowyng:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel which shall be of St. Antony in the church of St. Peter and Paul, Priory of Taunton aforesaid.

I charge my executors immediately after my departing to make the said chapel substantially.

I bequeath unto my Lord Prior of the said place for my tithes forgotten, and to pray for me and my wife, a pipe of "Ode" [woad].

Item, unto Marie Mawdelyn church, five whole cloths, which shall be divided between the "towur" and the two services; three to the "towur" and two to the services, drawing in value 10*li*.

An honest priest shall sing for me in the said church of Marie Mawdeleyn, for the space of three years, taking by the year nine marks.

Item, I bequeath unto the making and mending of Tone brigg in Taunton, breast high, 4*li*.

I will that my executors make the "cawcy" from John Roper's close gate until they come to the cross of Pyffordes brigg.

I bequeath unto the marriage of my brother's daughter a pipe "Ode."

Item, unto my brother John Bysshop, a quarter of my bark and a pipe "Ode"; or else four whole "clothes," "with that [condition] that he will go into Spain with the said bark for my profit."

Item, I will and ordain that, if William my son die without issue, my land shall return half to my wife and to my brother's children, reserving an obit to be holden yearly in the church of Marie Mawdeleyn of the value of 7*s*.

Item, I will that the same day be distributed to poor people in farthing bread 3*s*. 4*d*.

I will that every constable of the said town, being present the day of the said dirige and mass shall have 8*d.* apiece, and every port reeve 4*d.*, every bayly 2*d.*, and every alderman 1*d.*

Item, I will that the foresaid priest be content of his wages till the said William my son come to lawful age.

Item, I bequeath to Master John Bysshope my best grained gown, my doublet of velvet and a tippet of the same.

Item, to Master Nycholas Dussum, vicar of Taunton, to pray for me, 10*s.*

To the convent of the priory aforesaid, to be made brother there, half a pipe "Ode"; and they to come home and say dirige and mass in the day of my sepulture at the same charge.

Item, to every priest of Mawdelyn, to be present at my dirige and mass, 16*d.*

Item, to the "owte" clerk, 4*d.*

Item, to Thomas Theyn<sup>1</sup> [?], clerk, a gown and 6*s.* 8*d.*, to pray for me and my wife and my good doers.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Isabel, my wife, and William, my son, whom I ordain to be my very true executors, and Alys Brounyng with him to his behoof; and if the said William die within the age of marriage, that then it return to my wife, to dispose for my soul at her will. And Robert Byssshop, my father, and William Nethway to be overseers to see my will fulfilled with the grace of God.

(Probate act is not registered.)

### 1493. JOHN DAYSSHELL.

[7 Vox. FO. 52.]

13th November, A.D. 1493, I, John Daysshell, make my testament in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the monastery of the Blessed Mary of Keynesham.

[I bequeath] to my confessor, 6*s.* 8*d.*

<sup>1</sup> Written at the end of a line: "p<sup>e</sup>yn."



Item, I bequeath to the Friars Minors and to the Augustinian Friars of Bristol, to each of their houses 2s. 6d.

Item, to each of my sons held by me at the holy font, and presented (*sublimatorum*)<sup>1</sup> to the sacred hands of the bishop, 4d.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Alice, my wife, whom I make my executrix, and Thomas Byce and Nicholas Lemman overseers.

Proved 8th February, 1493, and administration committed to the executrix named.

### 1493. WILLIAM NYCKE.

[14 Vox.]

13th February, A.D. 1493, I, Wylliam Nycke, Archidiacon of Wellys, ordayne this my laste wyll in maner and forme folowyng:—

I bequeith my body to be buryed in the hooly buryall according to the discrecyon of myne executur.

Item, I bequeith to the churche wher hit shall please God my body to rest, 6s. 8d. sterlinges.

Item, to the churche of Wellys, a pair of vestementys.

Item, I bequeith unto Richard of Dale, my servaunt, 20*li*.

Item, I wyll that my kynsfolkys be remembrid according unto the discrecyon of myne executurs, my brothur Maister Richard Nycke, unto whome I geve and bequeith the residew of all my goodys moveable and unmoveable wher so euyr they may be founde, and of this my laste wyll I ordayne and make my executor my said brothur, desiring him at the reuerence of God to do for my sowle as he wold I shuld do for him in lyke case. Theis witnes: Maistur Rauf Scrope, Maister Hugh Dacre,<sup>2</sup> John Prudde, Adam of Myre and dyuers othur.

<sup>1</sup> Sublimatio, (1) amplitudo, (2) amplificatio, incrementum. (*Ducange.*) It seems that the word refers to the rite of confirmation.

<sup>2</sup> His will proved 1509, in which he is described as "Hugh Dacre, clk., Dacre, Cumberland; Netherbury, Dorset; Wem, Salop." (24 Bennett.)

Proved 4th November, 1494, and administration granted to the executor named.

[Written in English.]

[Testator was Archdeacon of Wells 1473-94, when he died and was succeeded by his brother, Richard, who in 1501 became Bishop of Norwich.]

### 1494. NICHOLAS SELWOODE.

[9 VOX. FO. 70.]

29th May, A.D. 1494, I, Nicholas Selwoode, late of Chard, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel of Jesus within the chapel<sup>1</sup> of the Apostles Peter and Paul of the monastery of Montacute (*Monte acuto*).

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells, to the fabric of the said church, 12*d*.

Item, to the fabric of the church of the monastery aforesaid, 20*d*.

Item, to a monk (*commonaco*) of the said monastery, to celebrate daily for my soul for one whole year, 6*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to John, my son, 40*s*.

To Robert, my son, 40*s*.

To Sir John (*Domino*) my son, 40*s*.

To William, my son, 40*s*.

To Joan, wife of John Dene, 40*s*.

To Alice, late wife of John Alstone, 40*s*.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed, as well debts as other things, I give and bequeath to Sir John, my son, and Alice, late wife of John Alstone; to wit, of the debt of 6*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*. which William Cogan owes me, out of which I bequeath 40*s*. to Joan, wife of the said William, and the rest to the monk abovesaid for the daily celebration.

And further I give to the said Sir John and Alice all my goods both moveable and immoveable, and I ordain them my executors.

Proved 22nd June, 1494, and administration committed, &c.

<sup>1</sup> Sic MS., but *church* is meant.



## 1494. JOHN MARK.

[12 VOX. FO. 89.]

A.D. 1494, 7th June, I, John Mark, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Peter and Paul of Shipton Malett.

I bequeath to the fabric of the said church 3*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the four lights (*luminibus*), 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the reparation of the bells, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath for my burial in the said church, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, for the placing (*imposicione*) of my name and the name of my wife in the calendar, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the mother church, 12*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Pilton 7*d*.

Item, to each of my godsons and goddaughters, commonly called "godchildren," 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to my godson Thomas, one bowl, six spoons of silver, and one maser (*murram*).

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to my son John ; and I make my sons, to wit, Thomas and John, executors of this my will, and constitute John Cerne and Richard Marke overseers.

Proved at Lambeth 6th July, 1494, and administration committed, &c.

## 1494. WILLIAM CASE.

[20 VOX.]

The 14th day of June in the yere of our Lord God 1494, I, William Case, make my testament in this maner :—

First, I bequethe my body to be buried in the pariss chirch of Norton undre Hamedon, in the South Ile of the same.

Item, I bequethe to the same chirch a paire of vestmentes price of 20*s*. ; to the parson of the same chirch, a gowne ; and to the vicar of Mountague [Montacute], a gowne.



Also I bequethe to Edith, my doughter, my cheyne of goold, a basyn and lator of siluer, myne armes printid thereon, a stonding cuppe covered and gilt, 1 salt uncovered part gilt; and to Marye, myne other doughter, a stondyng cuppe covered part gilt, a salt covered part gilt, and six sponis. And if any of my doughters die byfore the other and or they be maried that thenne she that overliveth shalhave the hoole bequest, yf she be rulid and wele maried by thaduisse of hir moder and my feoffees. And if not, or els bothe of theym dye by fore they be maried or of age of 20 yeris, that thenne I geue and bequethe the said cheyne and plate to Marye my wife, she to rewarde and set forth with 2 partis thereof my 2 bastard sonnes by the oversight of Master Speke, squire.

Also I geue and bequethe to John Case and Thomas bastardes of Richard Case, to either of them 40s. to there marriage.

Item, to eueriche of my yeomen servants to the noumbre of 12, a paire of brigondires gussettes and folde.

Item, to Sir William Hoody, knight, my gossehawke.

Item, to my lady Fitz Watereyn, my faire lute.

To my brother John Case, a gowne of tawny furred with shankes, with a larger reward at the discrecion of my wife, with that he put away from him one Kateryne his servant.

The residue of alle my goodes I bequethe to Marye my wife, whome I make with Maister Speke, esquier, my executours.

Proved 30th January in the year abovesaid, and administration committed to the executrix, with power reserved, &c.

[This will is written in English. Testator's Inq. p. m., 10 Hen. VII. (*Proc. S. A. and N. H. S.*, xlvii, ii, 23.)]

#### 1494. JOHN ROCHE.

[16 Vox.]

18th July, A.D. 1494, I, John Roche, late son of William Roche, of Taunton, co. Somerset, draper, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in holy burial where God shall please.

Item, I bequeath to the parish church of St. Mary Magdalen of Taunton, 20s.

Item, to my parish church of Crookeham [? Crowcombe], 20s. to be placed in the store there.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, my debts being paid, I give and bequeath to John Waller and Emmota, his wife, whom I ordain my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul.

Proved 26th November, 1494, and administration committed to the executors.

### 1494. HENRY BOLE.

[17 Vox.]

The penultimate day of August, A.D. 1494, I, Henry Bole, of Northcadbury, in the county of Somerset, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of the parish church of St. Michael the Archangel of Northcadbury.

Item, to the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, 16*d*.

Item, to maintain (*sustinendum*) the fabric and lights (*luminibus*) in the church of Northcadbury aforesaid, 10s.

Item, to the church of Southcadbury, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the church of Compton Pauncefote, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the church of Yarlyngton, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the church of Mapton, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the church of Sparkeford, 20*d*.

To the church of Sutton, 20*d*.

To the church of Halton, 20*d*.

To the church of Blakford, 20*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the Rector of Northcadbury, for my tithes forgotten and not paid, 20*d*.

Item, to the chaplain administering the sacraments (*sacramentalia*) to me *in extremis*, 12*d*.

Item, to William Willoughby, knight, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to Richard Willoughby, esquire, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to Thomas Fitz James, gentleman, 20*s*.

Item, to Richard and John, my children, to each of them 10*li*.

To my other four children unmarried, to each of them 10*li*., and money and goods at the disposition of my executrix.

Item, to each boy whom I have lifted from the sacred font (*a sacro fonte leuauz*) one ewe, or 12*d*. in money.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Agnes, my wife, whom I make my executrix, by the counsel and advice of Thomas Fitz James, gentleman, and John Selcok, chaplain, whom I make overseers of the execution of my will aforesaid.

These being witnesses : Sir Thomas Stokes, chaplain there ; Thomas Edward ; Richard Bulle, and many others.

Proved at Lambeth 20th November, 1494, by the oath of William Potkyn, notary public, and administration committed to the executrix named.

#### 1494. WILLIAM STANBOROUGH.

[16 Vox.]

20th September, A.D. 1494, I, William Stanborough *alias* Haynes, make my will in this manner : —

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary on the north side of the city of Bath.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to the said parish church of the Blessed Mary, one silver bowl called a “bolle pece,” to make out of the same a new silver cross, with other “perquesites.”

Item, I bequeath to the rector of the parish church aforesaid, my confessor, to pray for my soul, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to my twelve grandchildren, 4*d*. apiece.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to John Tynt and Joan his wife, my daughter, whom I make my executors, and Thomas Chaunceler, overseer, of this my will ; to dispose for my soul and the souls of my friends as shall seem best to them.



Item, I bequeath to William Clyvelode the four last years of the terms (*terminorum*) which I have to come of the house called Stowford, on condition that he be a friend to my executors.

Proved 30th November, 1494, and administration committed to the executors.

### 1494. JOAN WYNNE.

[16 Vox.]

The xx day of January the yere of our Lord M'CCCClxxxxiiij I Johan Wynne bequeith my soule to allmighty God, and my body to be buriede in the church of Peter and Paule in the Priory of Taunton.

Item I bequeith to the Prior of the said place for my thithes forgotten xxſ. And to euery chañon of the said place being at my dirige xijd.

Item I bequeith to Maistre Dyssum vicary of the church of Mary Mawdelyn in Taunton aforesaid vjs. viijd.

Item, to euery prest of the same church being at my diriges and masses xijd.

Item to ij Clerkes viijd.

Item I bequeith to the service of the high crosse and the sepulture a Corse<sup>1</sup> of grene harnysed with silver and gilt.

Item I bequeith to the making of the newe tower<sup>2</sup> at Mawdelyn church in Taunton xls.

Item I bequeith my wedding Ring of gold to our Lady of Cliff [Cleve].

Item a nother Ring of gold unto saint Dunstone at Glastonbury.

Item I bequeith to the church of Langporte xxſ.

Item, I will that furthwith after my decesse that myn executor purvey for a honest prest to say masses with other devyne service in the church of Mary Mawdelyn in Taunton the space of iiij yeres for me and my frendes quicke and dede.

<sup>1</sup> A ribbon or band of silk (or other material) serving as a ground for ornamentation with metal-work or embroidery, and used as a girdle, garter, &c. (*N. E. D.*)

<sup>2</sup> This gives approximately the date of this splendid tower.

Item I bequeith to enjoye saint Andrew pardon at Wellys xij*℥*.

Item I bequeith to the pariss church of Briggewater vj*℥*. viij*℥*.

Item I bequeith to the place of Grey Friers in the same towne vj*℥*. viij*℥*.

Item, I bequeith to the Freirs of Yevelchestre vj*℥*. viij*℥*.

Item I bequeith to my cousyn and servant Alys Craste<sup>1</sup> my best panne and the next best pot, a broche ij basens a laver iij Candilstykes, a velvet corse with gilt harnyse, a paire of bedys of Corall, a pece, a maser, vj sponys of silver, a fetherbed that I lie oñ with the hole bed performede, a Cofer and a litle panne of brasse, a water chafer,<sup>2</sup> a dosyn pollys of pewter vessell iiij platers iiij potingers and iiij sawcers.

Item I bequeith to my daughter Alys Core all the state and terme that my husbond and I have in the house that I dwell in and all the wood hey and corne that is within not spendede.

Item my best gowne and my best girdell vj sponys of silver a standing Cup covered of silver that my husbond gaue hire afre my decesse and parte of other stuf of houshold that is not yet bequethed at the devise of myñ executo<sup>r</sup>.

Item I bequeith to Thomas Latham a pece of silver vj sponys of silver and in money xl*℥*.

Item I bequeith to my cousyn William Hill my best bras pott a ship chest and ij mesers of Ode.

Item I bequeith to William More ij mesers of Ode with this condicion that he come and bring me my dutie of money that he owith me.

Item I bequeith to my Sustre of North Core my blew gown with a white furre and my burnat hode and ij yardys of holoñ Cloth to make ij knyitters<sup>3</sup> And to my couzen here daughter at Long Sutton a Reed corce gilt harnysed.

Item I bequeith to litle Joha<sup>n</sup>e my cousyn Thomas Crastis daughter a old Reed corce gilt harnysed, with a paire of bedys of Corall and x yerdes of lynen Cloth for a paire of shetes And to Thomas Craste a paire of bedys ambre and other stones.

<sup>1</sup> The name appears to be *Crast*, but it may possibly be *Craft*.

<sup>2</sup> A vessel for heating water, a saucepan. (*N. E. D.*)

<sup>3</sup> See *N. E. D.*, "some knitted article of dress," but this instance seems to imply that it is not necessarily a *knitted* article.

Item I bequeith to Johanne my servant a litle maser iij silver sponys and x yerdes of cloth for a paire of shetys.

Item, to my servant Cristiane A More a maser iij sponys of silver and x yardys cloth for a paire of shetes.

Item I bequeith to my husbondes Cosyn Laveraunce wif at Marlinch a sangewyn kyrtyll and a smoke.

Item to my cousyn John Heyroñ of Langporte my gilt Nutte couerede and to his wif a gold Ring.

Item to my godson at Dunkyswill x yardys cloth for a paire of shetes.

Item to Alys Krast my cousen to performe my bed abovesaid a paire of shetes owte of my cofer, a Mete cloth and iij tuels.

Item more I bequeith to my doughter Alys Core my litle salt couerede, a flat pece, ij masers and a boll pece.

Item to Cristiane Morford my burnet gowñ lyned.

Item to my said Cousyn Alys Krast one of my blewe gownes lyned or furrede and a newe metecloth of Lankeshire making.

Item I bequeith to Cristiane my servant the burnet gown that I dyd bequeith to Margery Cutler And I bequeith to the said Margery my best burnet Kyrtyll.

Item, to William More my litle chasied pece if he pay that he owith me as it is rehersed in my will before.

Item to William Wylkyns my goblet.

Item I bequeith to Laveraunce wif of Myrlinche my old grene gowne lynede.

Item to Elyn Skolemastre in money iij*š*. iij*đ*. And to my sustre at Cory my gown with the blacke furre.

Item to Johanne my servant oñ of my gownes of blew with damaske color.

Item I bequeith to Margery my Cardiscar<sup>1</sup> in the Almshouse my old burnet kyrtyll.

Item to Isabell Glasier my grene kyrtyll and a smocke.

Item to Thomas my hostyler v yardes of white wolleñ Cloth to make a gown and a yard and more for a payer of hosyn ix yardys of Chresse cloth<sup>2</sup> for a paire of shetes and a shorte cloth of Garnesey cloth.

<sup>1</sup> The word is not in *N. E. D.* To card is prepare wool for spinning by combing out impurities, and parting and straightening the fibres with a card, also to dress cloth with teasles or cards. (*N. E. D.*)

<sup>2</sup> Crescloth, fine linen cloth. (*Halliwell's Provincial Dictionary.*)



Item to my next neybor Johanne Baker a smocke Cloth.

Item to William Hyllys wif a smocke a kerchewe and cloth for a paire of shetes.

Item I bequeith to Laveraunce of Merlinche a gown of frise.

The residue of my goods I give to Thomas Latham myñ executo<sup>r</sup> he to dispose it for me at his discrecion.

Item I will that M' Nicholas Dussum and William Wilkins before namede be supervisors of this my last will.

Thees witnesseth. John Tusse, Laverañce Adam, William Hill and other.

Proved at Lambeth 20th November, A.D. 1494, by the oath of William Potkyn, notary public. Administration committed to Thomas Latham, the executor named, &c.

#### 1494. THOMAS CHAMPION.

[23 Vox.]

22nd March, A.D. 1494, I, Thomas Champion, make my testament in this manner :—

First, I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of Shipton Malett.

Item, I bequeath to my mother church, 12*d*.

Item, to the bells (*campanis*) and all the lights (*luminibus*), 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to my parish church, to wit, to the reparation of the same, that the parishioners there may specially pray for my soul, 10*s*.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, I bequeath to Alice, my wife, and Edmund, my son, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem best to them to please God.

Proved at Lambeth 14th May, 1495, by the oath of Robert Donoffe, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executors named.

## 1495. THOMAS MAYHOO.

[21 Vox.]

28th March, A.D. 1495, I, Thomas Mayhoo, of the parish of Chewe, in county Somerset, make and declare my last will in this manner which follows :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew of Chewe, before the altar of St. Nicholas there.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church aforesaid, 10s.

Item, to the maintenance of each light (*lumini*) burning before the images of saints in the said church, 4*d*.

Item, to the chapel of St. Mary there, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, I will that my executrix shall pay to Thomas Veale, son of John Veale, late of Deny, in the parish aforesaid, and to Agnes, sister of the said Thomas, 4*li*., that is, to each of them 40*s*., given and bequeathed to them by their father abovenamed.

Item, I bequeath to the said Agnes 6*li*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to Joan Wreche, my maid (*ancille*), on condition that she will be ruled and governed by my executrix and overseers until her marriage, 6*li*. 13*s*. 4*d*., and apparel sufficient and competent for the body of the said Joan.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Goodeman, my servant (*famulo*), one woollen cloth (*pannum laneum*), called "a see clothe."

Item, to Sir Thomas Roger, clerk, of the diocese of Canterbury, by apostolic authority notary public, my curate, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to John Johns Toker, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to John Hylle *alias* John Storowe, 6*s*. 8*d*.

The residue of all and singular my goods I give and bequeath wholly to Edith, my wife, that she dispose for the health of my soul and for the souls of all the faithful deceased ; and I name the said Edith my executrix, and ordain my overseers the said John Johns and John Hyll.

Proved at Lambeth, 15th May, 1495, and administration committed to the executrix.

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## 1495. STEPHEN LANE.

[23 Vox.]

The 22nd day of the month of May, A.D. 1495, I, Stephen Lane, of Glastoñ, make my will in this manner :—

My body to be buried in the churchyard of the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the monastery of Glastoñ aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Warden (*custodi*) of the said chapel for having my burial (*sepultura*) there 6s. 8d.

Item, I give to Joan, my wife, all those lands and tenements which I have in the city of London and elsewhere in the realm of England, which belonged to John Lane, my father ; to have and to hold to the said Joan and to the heirs of the body of the said Joan begotten by me, for ever. If it happen that the said Joan die without heir of her body begotten by me, then I will that my messuage, &c., in the parish of St. Sepulchre outside Newgate shall remain to the right heirs of the said Joan, my wife, for ever. And that all my other lands, &c., in London and elsewhere in England remain to John Dale, clerk (and others), their heirs and assigns, for ever, to dispose according to my last will.

Item, I will that Joan, my wife, immediately after my decease shall find a fit chaplain to celebrate in the chapel of St. Benignus for the space of three years for my soul and the souls of John Lane, my father, and Margaret, his wife, and all the faithful deceased.

Moreover, I will that the said Joan, my wife, shall cause 100 masses to be celebrated for my soul in one day, if it can be done.

Item, I bequeath to Mary, my mother's sister, one silver and gilt maser (*murram*) with a foot.

The residue of all my goods I give to Joan, my wife, whom I make sole executrix of this my will, and Thomas Gunwyn, of Glastoñ, supervisor, taking for his labour 20s.

These being witnesses ; John Dale, notary public, William Juyñ, esquire, Leonard Lepton, Thomas Asshurst, William Coleyn, Thomas Marshall, William Laneman, John Parke, and others.

Proved at Lambeth.



## 1495. JOHN DEVILL.

[23 Vox.]

I, John Devill, of Northpederton, in the county of Somerset, A.D. 1495, the 26th day of July, make my will in this manner :—

First, I bequeath my soul to God Almighty, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of Northpederton.

Moreover, I bequeath all my goods to Joan Devill, my wife, and my boys (*pueris*) to be divided between the said Joan and my boys. And I make the said Joan, my wife, my executrix.

These being witnesses : John Biggegoode, of Northpederton, "clothier," and William Hawkins, of the same, "wever."

Proved at Lambeth 7th August, A.D. 1495, by the oath of Robert Bradman, witness, &c. Administration committed to Joan, the relict, &c., in the person of Master Richard Cooke, notary public, her proctor, &c.

## 1495. JASPER, DUKE OF BEDFORD.

[33 Vox.]

I, Jasper, Duke of Bedford and Erle of Pembroke, make my testament and laste will in this forme folowing :—

I bequeith my body to be buried in the monasterie of our Lady of Keynesham in a place convenient, where I will that my tombe be honorable made after thastate that it hath pleased God to call me to And thereupon to be employed an hundred markes.

I will that certain of my manors and lands which I haue in fee simple as well in the Counties of Notingham, Derby, and Werwyk as in the Marche of Wales and elliswhere be amorteysed for the fyndyng of 4 preestes to syng perpetually in the said Church and Monastery aswele for my soule and for my faders soule, as for the soules of the [lady of] noble memorie Kateryne, some tyme Quene of Englund, my moder,

and of Edmund, late Erle of Richemonde, my brother, and of all other my predecessours.

Item, I will that in defaute herof oon or 2 benefices of the value of 40 or 50 poundes yerely be appropriated to thabbot and Couent of the said Monastery perpetually to thentente 5 or 6 preestis shalbe founde daily to syng in the saide Monasterie aswele for my soule as the soules aforesaide. In defaute of both the premisses an *Cli.* shall be delyuered to the said Abbot and Couente in redy money to thentente that 2 preestis shalbe perpetually founden in the saide Monastery to syng daily for me and the soules above rehersed, according to an offre made by the said Abbot and Couent in that behalf.

Item, I bequeith to the saide monasterie my best gowne of cloth of gold for vestmentes.

Item, I will that the day of my intrement there be distributed cmonges euery pouer man and woman that will take it *2d.* a pece; and lyke wise at my monethis mynde.

Item, I bequeith to the monasterie of blessid sainte Kenelme of Winchecombe toward the bilding of the same *20li.* and my long gowne of Crymesyn velwett to make a coope there to the honor of God and the sainte.

Item, I bequeith to the church of Thornebury toward the reparacion of the same, *10li.*

Item, to the seid church, a gowne of blak velwett for a cope to be made there, and vestmentes.

Item, to the vicary of the saide church of Thornebury, for tithes unpaid and other dueties, *40s.*

Item, I bequeith to the 4 Ordres of Frires of Bristowe *8li.* to be equally departed.

Item, to the blak freires of Hareford, *40s.*

To the Gray Frires of Harford, where my Father is entered, *20li.*

Item, to the 3 Ordres of Frires at Gloucester, *6li.*

Item, to the 2 Ordres of Frires at Kaerdiff, *4li.*

To the Frires of Newporte, *20s.*

To the Frires of Harford West, *40s.*

To the house of grey Frires of Harford Est, my secunde gowne of cloth of golde for a Cope or vestmentes there to be made,

Item, to the vicary of the parish church of Winchcombe, or the church there, 40s.

Item, I bequeith my jakket of cloth of golde to make 2 jakkets to the b'lessid Trinite of Crichurch.

Item, I bequeith my other blak velwet gowne to the church of Pembroke for a cope or vestementes to be made there.

I will that myne executours content sir Thomas Okeley, parson of Sudley, for his duetie of tharbage of the parke there onpaied sith the tyme that he was parson all that shalbe founde yerely due unto hym for the same, with all such dueties and tithes of hey as to hym of right belongeth.

To every parissch church that my body shalbe caried into bitwene this and Keynesham 20s. and 2 torches.

Item, I bequeith to the Crochfires of the gauntis of Bristowe, 40s.

Yeven at my mannor of Thornebury the 15th day of December, A.D. 1495.

Proved 2nd July, 1496, and administration committed to Morgan Kydwelly, one of the executors.

[Written in English.]

[Testator was Jasper Tudor, Earl of Pembroke, son of Sir Owen Tudor, by Katherine, Queen Dowager of Henry V. He was created Duke of Bedford on the accession of his nephew Henry VII in 1485. On his death the dukedom became extinct.]

## 1495. JOHN HUNTELEY.

[31 Vox.]

The first day of March, A.D. 1495, I, John Hunteley, make my will in this manner:—

First, I bequeath my soul to God Almighty, the Blessed Mary, and all the saints, and my body to be buried in the chancel of the parish [church] of Bledon.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells viij*℥*.

Item, I bequeath to the curate of the church of Bledon aforesaid xij*℥*.



My other things I bequeath to my wife and my boys (*pueris*).

I constitute Thomas Mayhowe and John Kynge executors of this will.

Proved at Lambeth 6th May, A.D. 1496, by the oath of Master Nicholas Trappe, proctor, &c. Administration was committed to the executors named in the said will, &c.

### 1495. HUGH PAVY, BISHOP OF ST. DAVIDS.

[28 HORNE.]

3rd March, A.D. 1495, I, Hugh Pavy, by the grace of God bishop of Saynte Davies, make and ordeyne this my testament in maner folowyng:—

I bequethe my bodie to be buried in the parishe church of Longashton.

I bequeth unto my cathedrall churche of saynte Dauyes my sewte of blew velwet vestimentis with flowris angellis orferes and Imagery of golde vz. 3 Copis Chesible 2 Tenucles with the hole appurtenaunces. Item, 2 grailes noted, 2 bokis called halfe antiphoners noted and my best corporas cace of clothe of golde.

Item, I bequethe unto the churche of Assheton beforesaide my 2 standyng candelstickes of silver and gylte of 104 ounces' weight, 2 paire of vestamentis wherof oon paire is blewe and thoder Red, brawdred with flowres, my best chalice of silver and gilt of 22½ ounces' weight, my 2 beste auterclothes stayned, and my best masboke.

Also I bequethe to the parishe churche of Lantesey, a printed masboke, a paire of vestmentis of grene bawdekyn,<sup>1</sup> a paire of stayned auterclothes, a litle braunched candelstik of laton.

Also, to the parishe churche of Wheram [? Warren, Pemb.] 2 stayned auterclothes and 2 laton candelstickes.

Also, to the parishe churche of Brody [Brawdy, Pemb.] 2 auterclothes stayned and 2 laton candelstickis.

<sup>1</sup> A sumptuous manufacture for garments, used by the nobility of the middle ages, and according to Ducange composed of silk interwoven with threads of gold.

Also, to the College of Abergwilly,<sup>1</sup> 2 auterclothes of grene bawdekyn and a paire of vestyments of the same.

Also to Sir John Chock, knyghte, a gowne of violet furred with martrons, and a horse.

Item, to Dame Johanne Wroughton, the utter sides of two gownes of scarlet that were John Moris and Elyne his wife.

Item, to Willyam Sayntemaure, the fures of martrons that were in the same scarlet gownes.

Item, to Nicholas Chock, knyghte, a fetherbed, a bolster, a pilowe of downe, a paire of blankettis, a paire of shetis, a kouerlet, a celer and a tester, and a horse.

Item, to Emunde Chocke, the like.

Item, to Master Barret, my large portues.

Item, to Master Willyam Johnis, a boke of lawe callid Thabbot in 4 volumes.

Item, to Master John Denby, the Bible in 2 volumes.

Item, to Sir Willyam Wilcok, a portues that was Master John ap Howellis.

Item, to Sir Thomas Davy, a portues, and a litle masboke.

Item, to John Knyvet, a horse.

Also to John Lloide, a fetherbed, a bolster, a pillowe, a paire of blankettis, a paire of shetis, a kouerlet.

Item, to John Madeley, a fetherbed, celer and testour with the whole appurtenances, half a garnish of pewter vessell and 2 candelstickis.

Item, to Willyam Barstaple, a fetherbed, celer and testour, with the hole appurtenances; and my saulter.

Item, to Henry Marston, a fetherbed (and bedding) and a horse; and the like to John Kemys.

Item, to Willyam Noris, the bed that he lieth in, with the celer, testour and hangyng complete of the same chamber.

Item, 40s. in money, a horse, 2 candelstickis, a pot of bras and a panne, after the discretion of my executours.

Item, to John Garcet, a flockbed (and bedding) and a horse.

Item, to John Cok, a fetherbed (and bedding), half a garnishe

<sup>1</sup> In Carmarthenshire. Thomas Beck, bishop of St. Davids, made the church of Abergwilly collegiate A.D. 1287 for 22 prebendaries, 4 priests, 4 choristers, and 2 clerks to the honour of St. Maurice. (Dugdale's *Mon.*)

of pewter vessell, a pot of brasse, 2 candelsticks, a panne of brasse, and a horse.

Item, I will that all my servants have my horses as fer as they will endure, and that it be disposed to every servant after as they be, and as they have doone me service, by my executours or mynesters of my goodes.

Item, to Nicholas Barbour, a matres with the appurtenances, and the like to Jamys of the buttry, John Davy, John Penre, John Nicoll, David of the stable, John Grey, John of the stable, Thomas Porter, John Richardes, Willyam Jankyn, Thomas of the kechynne & Vyncent of the stable.

Also I will that my executours deliver unto litle John of the kechynne after their owne willis.

The residue of all my goods not bequethid, I will that it be despoed for my sowle and to paie my dettes by Master John Barrett, Master Willyam Johnis and Willyam Barstaple, whom I ordeyne and make my executours; and I charge them that the residue of my goodes that shalle remayne in theire handes be employed for thexibicion of a priste to synge for my sowle at Assheton as longe as it shalle mowe to endure. This witnesseth Master Barret, Master Willyam Jonys, Nicholas Chock, Willyam Barstaple, Edmund Chock, John Knyuet, Henry Marston, John Madeley and John Kemys.

Proved 9th December, 1498, and administration committed to the executors.

[Written in English.]

[List of preferments :—

1456, April 2.—Rector of Chelworth (Canon of Wells).

1462–1474.—As Prebendary, presents to E. Harptree.

1467, May 26.—Rector of Shepton Mallet.

1467, May 31.—Prebendary of Grimstone, Sar. *Fasti Eccl. Sar.* (Jones).

1471, April 27.—Prebendary of Bedwin, Sar. *Fasti Eccl. Sar.* (Jones).

1478–9, February 1.—Archdeacon of Wilts. Le Neve's *Fasti*.

1485, October 9.—Bishop of St. Davids. Le Neve's *Fasti*.]



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1495. WALTER PAYNE.

[30 Vox.]

21st March, A.D. 1495, I, Walter Payne, in the parish of Mellys, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew of Mellys.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to the high altar of Mellys aforesaid, to purchase (*emendendum*) one pair of vestments to celebrate on Sundays, 66*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the chapel of the Blessed Mary there six quarters of malt.

Item, to the high cross (*altam crucem*) there, one quarter of malt.

Item, to the altar of St. Katherine there, one quarter of malt.

Item, to the altar of St. Anne there, one quarter of malt.

Item, to Sir William Clyffe, my curate, to pray for my soul, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to each of my godchildren 2 sheep.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Emma, my wife, and I ordain her my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul; and I make Robert Terre, Robert Payne, my son, and Henry Payne my overseers of this my present last will. These being witnesses: Sir William Clyffe, curate there, Richard Payne, William Prince, John Shephurd, John Wittecombe and others.

Proved 7th May, 1496, and administration committed to the executrix named, &c.

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1496. JOHN THURBARN.

[6 HORNE.]

12th June, A.D. 1496, I, John Thurbarn, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Yatton.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to the parish church of Yatton, 10*s*.

Item, to the parish church of Kingeston Seymor, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the chapel of St. John of Kenne, 20*d*.

To the vicar of Yatton, for tithes forgotten, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the holy-water clerk (*aquebailo*) of Yatton, 20*d*.

Item, to the four orders of the town of Bristol, 10*s*.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas, my son, 40*s*.

To Richard, my son, 40*s*.

To Thomas Harbelk, my uncle (*patruio*)<sup>1</sup> (*sic*), one gown of black colour.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Emmota my wife, whom I make my true and sole executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem best to her. These being witnesses: Walter Morris, clerk; John Bulbek and William Thurbarn.

Proved 10th May, 1497, by Nicholas Trappe, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the relict and executrix named.

## 1496. JOHN PAYNE, ESQ.

[3 HORNE.]

4th August, 1496, I, John Payne, of Hutton, in the county of Somerset, esquire, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Hutton, before the high altar.

Item, I bequeath to the wardens (*custodibus*) of the said parish church 10 marks and 60 oaks.

Item, to the Cathedral Church of Wells, 10*s*.

Item, to the church of Lokkyng, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the church of Bledone, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the parish church of Yppehull, 5*s*.

To the church of Weston, 3*s*. 4*d*.

To the church of Kywestoke, 5*s*.

<sup>1</sup> For *patruo*.



To the church of Worle, 3s. 4*d.*

To the church of the Blessed Mary of Banewell, 6s. 8*d.*

To the church of Shepeham, 5s.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Payne, my son, one cross of gold, and all my utensils pertaining to my body.

Item, to Agnes Payne, my kinswoman, 5 marks.

Item, to John Payne the younger, my kinsman, 4*li.*

Item, to the church of Axebrigge, one burgage with the barn (*orrio*) adjacent, to pray for me.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife, William Oldemixon and John Payne the elder, whom I make my executors.

Item, I will that my executors aforesaid shall provide a man prudent and discreet, and of good conversation, to celebrate in the church aforesaid for the space of two years, for me and the souls of my ancestors, in honour of the Holy Trinity.

These being witnesses: Robert Stowell, esquire, and William Poxwell.

Proved 28th January, 1496, and administration committed to the executors.

## 1496. JOHN BROKE.

[4 HORNE.]

A.D. 1496, 1st September, I, John Broke, of Pille, bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Pilton.

Item, to the same church one torch (*unam torticem*), and to the lights (*luminibus*) of the same church, 2s.

Item, to the fraternity of the same church 6s. 8*d.* to pray for the health of my soul.

Item, I bequeath to the mother cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells 2s.

To the parish church of Pille one torch and to the lights 2s.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Estpennard one torch.

To the parish church of Evercriche one torch.

To the fraternity of St. John of Jerusalem, viz., the house of Buclonde, 6s. 8*d.*



To the convent of the Friars Minors of Brugewater, 6s. 8d.

To the convent of Friars Augustinian called "Templefferes" of Bristowe, 6s. 8d.

To the convent of Friars Carmelites there, 6s. 8d.

To the fraternity of the chapel of Stone, 6s. 8d.

To John Broke, son of Richard Broke, formerly my servant, 6s. 8d.

To each of my godsons and goddaughters, 12d.

To Sir Thomas Brooke, chaplain, six silver spoons which I have newly bought.

To Ralph Buklonde *alias* [blank] in the parish of Evercryche, 20s.

The residue I bequeath to Alice, my wife, whom I appoint executrix.

Sir Thomas Broke, chaplain, and the said Ralph Buklonde supervisors.

Witnesses: Sir Walter Reding, chaplain, his curate, Sir Thomas Orcharde, vicar of Evercrich, John Meriell, Robert Curteys, John Broke, and others.

Proved 10th November, A.D. 1496. Administration to Margaret (*sic*), the relict and executrix named in the said will.

## 1496. JOHN JENES.

[6 HORNE.]

20th October, A.D. 1496, I, John Jenes, of Milborne Porte, husbandman, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. John the Evangelist of Milborne aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Cathedral Church of Wells 12d.

Item, to the aforesaid church of Milborne Porte, 20s.

Item, to Juliana, my daughter, 20 sheep (*oves*), six silver spoons, one dish (*patellam*), one brass pot (*ollam eneam*), one whole bed (*lectum*) 12 platters (*parapsides*), and one maser (*murram*).

Item, I bequeath to the parish church of Stokewell 6s. 8d.

Item, to the light (*lumini*) of the Holy Cross in the church of Milborne aforesaid, 6d.

Item, I bequeath one close next "Powke Browke" to the common good (*commodum*) of the guild (*gildine*) of merchants.

Item, to Sir Thomas my confessor, that he may pray for the health of my soul, 2s. 6d., and one sheep.

Item, to Sir William Pawle, perpetual vicar of Milborne aforesaid, 2s. 6d.

Item, to each of my godsons and goddaughters, one sheep (*ovem*).

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Agnes my wife, and ordain her my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul at her discretion.

These being witnesses: Sir Thomas Baily, curate there, John Howchyns, William Hert, and others.

Proved 18th April, 1497, and administration committed to the executrix, in the person of William Potkyn, her proctor, &c.

#### 1496. THOMAS NEWTON.

[4 HORNE.]

26th November, A.D. 1496, I, Thomas Newton, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the new chapel.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells 2s. 6d.

Item, to the parish church of Yatton, 20s.

Item, to Anne, my younger daughter, if she be married (*si maritata fuerit*), 20*li*.

Item, to Isabelle, my elder daughter, 20*li*.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Joan, my wife, whom I ordain my executrix, to dispose and ordain for the health of my soul as shall seem best to her, to the pleasure of God and the profit of my soul.

These being witnesses: Nicholas Newton, Walter Morys, vicar of Yatton, Thomas Hakelett.

Proved 3rd January, A.D. 1496, and administration committed to the executrix.

## 1496. THOMAS ALEYNE.

[5 HORNE.]

6th December, A.D. 1496, I, Thomas Aleyne, of Bannewele, diocese of Bath and Wells.

My body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew of Banwelle.

Item, I bequeath to the same parish church 20*s.* to be applied to the use of the same church according to the discretion of the keepers or wardens and the parishioners.

Item to the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Well, 8*d.*

To John Aleyn, my younger son, 20*li.*

To Robert, my son, 10*li.*

To Matilda Aleyne, daughter of Thomas Alen, my brother, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath for finding a fit chaplain in the parish church of Banwell to celebrate and pray for my soul and the souls of my parents and benefactors and all the faithful deceased, for one entire year, 6*li.*, together with wine and wax to be provided for the same.

The residue I bequeath to John Aleyne, my eldest son, whom I make executor.

Witnesses Sir William Jones, curate of Banwelle, John Clerke, Thomas Bustell, and William Andrewes.

Proved 1st March, A.D. 1496, by the oath of Robert Donoff, proctor, &c.

## 1496. SIR RICHARD WEST.

[6 HORNE.]

11th December, A.D. 1496, I, Sir Richard West,<sup>1</sup> make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried within the chancel of the Blessed Nicholas of Uphill.

<sup>1</sup> The margin has "*Testamentum domini Ricardi West.*"



Item, I bequeath to the mother cathedral church of Wells 40*d*.

To Richard Stille the elder, 13*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Richard Stille the younger, 3*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to Maud Stille, 3*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the two sons of Richard Stille the elder, 3*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the reparations of the common way, 20*s*.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Richard Still the elder, whom I make my executor, and William Oldemyxon and Nicholas Leste (? Lefte) overseers of this my will.

These being witnesses: Richard Wolley, chaplain, Hugh Wolley, John ap Howell and others.

Proved 10th May, 1497, by Master Nicholas Trappe, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executor named.

[Testator was instituted Rector of Uphill June 8th, 1457. (*Som. Incs.* p. 202.)]

## 1496. HUMFREY PUXWELL.

[6 HORNE.]

20th Decembre, A.D. 1496, I, Humfrey Puxwell of the parisshe of Criston, ordeyne this my present testament and laste will in the form ensuyng :—

I bequeth my body to be buried within the parisshe church of Seynt Andrew in Banwell, and I bequeth to the said church for my sepulture 6*s*. 8*d*.

Also I bequeath to the lightes of the said church of Banwell 20*d*.

To the Cathedrall Church of Seynt Andrew in Welles, 20*d*.

To the high aluter of the parisshe church of our Lady in Cristyn, 20*d*, for my tythes and offeringes forgotun or witholden.

Also I bequeth to the torches of the said church 20*d*.

Also, toward the biyng of a massboke and a portues, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the fyndyng of a lampe byfore the high crosse in the said church of Cristen, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Also I bequeth to Willyam Puxwell, my sonne, 12 shepe nother of the best nother of the worste.

Also to Nicholas Puxwell, my sonne, a bay mare and 2 steres of 3 yere age, and 2 haiferis of 3 yere age, and 2 blankettes, 2 shetes, a couerlett, and my best gowne.

Also I bequeth to Florence Paitewyn, my daughter, a grey mare with her colte.

The residue of all and singuler my goodes not bequethed I geve and bequeth holy to Elizabeth, my wife, and Nicholas my sone, which Elizabeth and Nicholas I make and ordeyne myne executours, that they dispose for the welthe of my sowle as shall seme best to the plesire of God and the profite of my sowle.

Also I make John Fitzjames the yonger supervysour, and I bequethe to hym for his laboure 10s.

These witnesses: Sir Thomas Lewis, parsonne of Cristen, Sir Willyam Jones, curate of Banwell, Richard Egill, Robert Kyng, John Panys, Robert Willyams and other.

Proved 10th May, 1497, and administration committed to the executors, in the person of Master Nicholas Trappe.

[Written in English.]

## 1496. JOHN CARTER.

[6 HORNE.]

The last day of December, A.D. 1496, I, John Carter, of Laverton juxta Phelippe Norton, diocese of Bath and Wells.

My body to be buried in the parish church of the Blessed Mary of Laverton.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells 20*d*.

To the light (*lumini*) of St. Nicholas of Laverton a cow or 8s.

To the light of St. Anne in the parish church of Laverton a cow or 8s.

To Isota, my daughter, 10*li*. in money, which are in the custody of John Batecombe, of Fressheford.

To William Carter, my son, four oxen, two cows, a waggon

with its appurtenances, a complete bed, a brass pot, and one dish (*patenam*).

The residue to Cristiana Gibbes, my wife, and to John Gibbes, whom I make my executors that they may dispose for the weal of my soul.

Witnesses: The curate there, Walter Godyhold, Richard Gibbes, and others.

Proved 28th April, A.D. 1497. Administration to the executors.

### 1496. THOMAS CHAUNCELER.

[9 HORNE.]

The xvth day of the moneth of January in the yere of oure Lord God M<sup>c</sup>ccclxxxvj, I, Thomas Chaunceler, Citezin of the Citie of Bathe, &c.

My body to be buried in the Chapell of oure Lady by the grave of John Mydwinter in the said Chapell within the cathedrall chirch of the blissid Petir and Powle in Bathe.

Item, I will that uppon my Toumbe be made a convenient writing making mension of the day month and yere of my obite.

Contynually by xxx daies "*Placebo*" and "*Dirige*" be said solemnly.

Item, I will and ordeyne a prouision be made for xij poore men. And for them xij longe blak gownes and xij newe torchies to be holden by the said poore men abowte my body the day of my Sepulture.

After xxx daies be passid my said Executours kepe and obserue my Trigintalt day, and that a convenient prouision be made for iiij tapers in a conuenient weight, and the said xij torchies to be holden by the said poore men.

Item, I will that it be gevin to euery poore man that cometh to the place of my Sepulture there for to pray for my soule j<sup>d</sup>. The which Trigintalt day completely finisshid, the Residue of the torchies not consumed, I geve and grauntt undre this forme folowing:—



First to the Chapell of oure Lady where my bodie is buried j torche, to the parissch Chirch w<sup>in</sup> the gate of oure Lady j torche. To the parissch Chirch of oure Ladie in Stallis j torche, to the Hospital of saint John in Bathe a torche. To the parissch Chirch of saint Michell w<sup>in</sup> the gate j torche. To the parissch chirch of saint Michael w<sup>oute</sup> the gatis j torche. To the parissch Chirch of saint Jamys j torche. To the parissch chirch of Walcote j torche, to the parissch chirch of Kelston j torche, to the parish church of Eston j torche, to the parissch chirch of Langrug<sup>9</sup> [Langridge] j torche, to the parissch chirch of Charlcum j torch.

Item, I geve to euery preest being present atte "*Dirige*" and masses to be songe and saied in the Cathedralle chirch of Bathe in the day of my obite xij<sup>d</sup>. And alle other Clerkis and ministratours to be rewardid aftrē the discrecions of myne Executours.

Rewards to every preest coming in the said place of my sepulture, there being present in Dirigis and messis in the day of my trigintall and Anniversary. The which day of myne Adversary (*sic*) completely finished the Residue of torchis not consumed I geve to the parish chirch of Bathewike j torche, to the parissch chirch of Northstoke j torche, to the parissch chirch of Swannyswike j torche, to the parissch chirch of Weston j torche, to the parissch [church] of Hampton j torche, to the parissch chirch of Fourd j torche, to the parissch church of Ingliscum j torche, to the parissch church of Newton j torche, to the parissch chirch of Clauerton j torche, to the parissch chirch of Twyuerton j torche, to the parissch chirch of ffresforth [Freshford] j torch, to the parissch chirch of Southstoke j torche.

Item, I will that myne Executours shall finde a convenable secular preste to singe and say messe in the parissch chirch of oure Lady w<sup>in</sup> the gate for my soule, and for the soules of Johan and Margaret sum tyme my wifis, and for the soules of my Fader and moder, John Chaunseler and Edithe his wife, my benefactours soules, &c. For the contynuaunce of which prest I assigne CC. mar<sup>c</sup> unto John Cauntlo priour of Bathe and to his Covent for paiement of x mar<sup>c</sup> duringe the said space of xx yeris. I will that the dede Remayne in the handis of my brother Maister Richard Chaunseler and William Champeneys.

Of the whiche x marc ix marc to be gevin to a preste, and a marc to kepe myne obite yerely.

Item, I geve to Isabella my wife CCCC. markes, alle my standing household, and halfe my plate as in Cuppis, sponis, saltis, pecis, And the other halfe to be deuided by twix my sonnes, my doughters and my frendis. Also I wil that my wife begyn of hir paiement in the shoppe, and in the Chambre, and she to haue it of the same price that it was bought atte the first.

Unto Johan Champeneys my doughter, xx*li*.

To Isabelle Shorte my doughter, xx*li*.

To Robert Chaunseler my sonne, xl*li*.

To my sonne William Chaunseler C. marces.

To my sonne John Chaunceler C. marces.

To my doughter Margery Chaunceler C. marces.

To the Cathedrall Chirch of Bath and to hir Reparacions theŕ of to folowe suche Indulgences there uppon graunted vj*ſ*. viij*ſ*.

Unto the Reparacions of the Cathedrall Church iij*ſ*. iiij*ſ*.

To the Abbott of Kensham and his Covent to pray for my soule xl*ſ*.

To the Prior of Henton and to his Couent to pray for my soule xl*ſ*.

Unto my parissh Chirch, that is of oure blissid Lady w<sup>in</sup> the gate, a weving lome w<sup>t</sup> his apparell and portenances the which is now in the handis of John Fydnam, the said John to occupie the said Lome during his lief. I geve unto the Fraternite of saint Katerine, and to the exhibicion of the prestis singing at saint Katerine Auter in the Church of oure Lady in Stallis ij weving Lomes with there apparell and purtenances. So that William Hostiler my brother in lawe occupie one of them during his lief.

Unto the Reparacions of the parissh Chirch in Stallis vj*ſ*. viij*ſ*.

Unto the Hospitall of saint John in Bathe vj*ſ*. viij*ſ*.

Unto the Reparacions of James vj*ſ*. viij*ſ*.

Unto the Reparacions of the parissh chirch of Saint Michael within the gate vj*ſ*. viij*ſ*.

To the parissh chirch of saint Michael w<sup>oute</sup> the gate vj*ſ*. viij*ſ*.



I geve unto the making of the grete brigge of Bathe xl̄s.  
 To my brother Maister Richard Chaunceler vicar of Burford  
 to pray for my soule C̄s.

To my foresaid brother my best skarlett gowne, my siluer  
 powche, and a grete cup of siluer.

Unto Damp̄ Isabell Chaunseler prioress of the monasterie  
 of Lacoche to pray for my soule vli.

To Johan Dale my Suster vli.

Unto Johan Foxe sum tyme doughter unto William Foxe  
 of Wellys xxli.

Unto my servant John Gybbons vli.

Unto John Clerk wever vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>.

To John Hesking xx̄s.

Unto my kynnesman Thomas Chaunceller vli.

To sir John Chaunceler j gowne grayned.

To sir William Woodward j gowne grayned.

To William Woodward a gowne and vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>.

To Margery Steyner j gowne.

My wifes suster xx̄s.

To Isabell that kepith my shop xx̄s.

To Isabell Clerke x̄s.

To John Woodward j girdill.

To John Hogeekin xx̄s.

To my wevers and tokers thorow the towne, xij<sup>d</sup>. a pece.

The Residue I geve unto my brother Maister Richard  
 Chaunceler, William Champenys of Wylmyndon gentilman,  
 John Gybbons and John Gunner other wise callid Steyner  
 whome I make my Executours that they dispose for the helth  
 of my soule. Thise beringe witnesse the Executours named and  
 sir John Woode, parson and curate p̄nt [present] of the parisshe  
 churche of our Lady w̄in the gate, William Pytt *literatus* and  
 Thomas Compton Notary Apostolik.

Proved 9th March, A.D. 1497.



## 1496. RICHARD HAWKER.

[8 HORNE.]

16th January, A.D. 1496, I, Richard Hawker, of Ilemestir in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried within the church of St. Mary the Virgin of Ilemistir aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the said church 6s. 8d.

Item, to the fraternity (*fraternitati*) of the Holy Cross of the said church, 3s. 4d.

Item, to my curate (*curato*), for tithes forgotten, 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to the reparation of the way (*vie*) on this side Dowlisshford 13s. 4d.

Item, to the high altar of Corymalett, 3s. 4d.

Item, to each of my godchildren, 4d.

Item, to four poor persons, to each of them one white gown (*albam togam*), to hold torches (*torticios*) round my body on the days of the burial and trental thereof.

Item, I bequeath to John Hawker my son, the value of 10 marks in "siluer plate," and my furnace (*fornacem*) and dye-house (*domum tinctorium*) (*sic*), with all things belonging to the same house.

Moreover I will that the said John, my son, shal recover in the name of his mother all my debts which should of right be paid; and all things thus recovered I will shall be divided between the aforesaid John and Cecilia, my relict, equally.

Item, I bequeath to Joan Baker, my daughter, in movable goods the value of 10 marks.

Item, to Joan Tare, my daughter, one silver cup (*ciphum*) and twelve spoons of the value of 5 marks.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Cecilia, my wife, whom I ordain my executrix.

And I constitute John Hawker, my son, and Thomas Baker, overseers. These being witnesses: Master John Taylour, my curate, and John Hawker, with many others.

Proved 1st March in the year abovesaid by the oath of Master William Imbroke, notary public, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executrix named.

**1496. WILLIAM TWYNYHO, ESQ.**

[15 HORNE.]

27th January, A.D. 1496, I, William Twynyho, esquire, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of All Saints of More Kirshell.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Salisbury for my titles forgotten, 2s.

Item, I bequeath to Margaret, my wife, all my lands and tenements in the borough of Shafton and the suburbs thereof, to have and to hold for the term of her life, the reversion thereof wholly to my right heirs, all my status and term of and in that pasture called "le southe felde" with all the pasture in the wood called "Thickthorn" to the same adjacent, and of and in all that meadow called Crudde medes, which all lie within the lordship or hundred of Frome in Selwode in co. Somerset, by the demise of John Chocke, knight, by the name of John Chocke, esquire, for the term of 21 years.

Item, I will that for the space of two years a suitable chaplain shall be hired (*conducetur*), to celebrate for my soul.

The residue of all my goods and chattels I give and bequeath to the aforesaid Margaret, my wife, whom I make my sole executrix.

Proved 24th November, 1497, by William Potkyn, proctor, &c., and administration committed to Margaret, the relict and executrix named.

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**1496. JOAN MAIEWE.**

[35 HORNE.]

The last day of January, A.D. 1496, I, Joan Maiewe, of Croscombe, widow, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried next (*juxta*) the grave (*sepulturam*) of Walter Maiewe, late my husband, in the parish church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Croscombe.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells 6s. 8d.

Item, to the rector of the parish church aforesaid, for tithes forgotten, 3s. 4d.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Shepton Malet, one girdle (*sonam*) harnessed with silver gilt, of the worth of 25s. 4d.

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Pilton, another girdle harnessed (*harnesatam*) with silver and gilt, of the worth of 12s.

Item, to the fabric of Dendre, 6s. 8d.

Item, to each chaplain of the parish church of Croscombe at the time of my death present at the obsequies (*exequiis*) and mass, and also on the trental day (*in die tricennali*), to be celebrated for my soul in the choir of the said parish church, 3s. 4d. for his pains.

Item, to each "*extraneus*" chaplain present at the obsequies (*exequiis*) and mass on the day of my burial, 12d.

Item, I bequeath to Lady (*domine*) Elizabeth Shepton my best mantle (*clamidem*).

Item, to John Moore, two yards of cloth for a gown.

Item, to Henry Mewe, two yards of cloth for a gown.

Item, to each of my daughters or sons (*filiorum*),<sup>1</sup> 4d.

Item, to each of the boys (*puerorum*) of Agnes Inge, of Shepton aforesaid, six spoons of silver and one maser (*murram*) bound with silver.

Item, to Joan, daughter of the said Agnes, one pipe of "woode" [woad].

Item, I will that there shall be expended (*exponantur*) among my neighbours on the day of my burial 100s.

Item, I bequeath to John Halce of Croscombe the elder, one pipe of "woode."

Item, to William Braunche of the same, one quarter of "woode."

The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to John Yonge, of Shepton Malet, and to Agnes, his wife, whom I ordain my executors; and I make my overseer the venerable and circumspect man, Master John Gunthorp, dean of the

Evidently godchildren are meant.



Cathedral Church of Wells, to whom I bequeath for his labour 100s.

In witness whereof to these presents I have affixed my seal, there being there then present the discreet man Sir John Cornecke, chaplain, curate of Croscombe, William Champioun, John Halce, Roger Mores and William Braunche, witnesses called to the premises.

Froved 16th July, 1498, and administration committed to the executors, in the person of William Potkyn, notary public, their proctor, &c.

### 1496. ELEANOR EDE.

[9 HORNE.]

2nd February, A.D. 1496, I, Eleanor Ede, formerly the wife of Thomas Ede, of Bruton, in the county of Somerset, merchant.

My body to be buried in the middle of the parish church of Bruton, before the image of the crucifix near the tomb of the said Thomas Ede, on the right side of the same Thomas.

To the mother church of Wells, 20*d*.

To the fraternity of the B. M. of the church aforesaid, 20*s*.

To a chaplain to celebrate a mass yearly for the souls of the said Thomas, Thomas Ede, chaplain, and William Ede, my sons, and hereafter for the soul of me the said Eleanor, 9 marks each year.

To the chapel of St. John the Baptist of Bruham, 20*d*.

To the chapel of St. Leonard of Pytcombe, 20*d*.

To Sir Edward Huchens, Sir Nicholas, Sir John Gawler, each 2*s*. 6*d*., to celebrate a trental for my soul.

The residue to Sir John Preston, rector of Shepton Beauchamp, to dispose for the health of my soul. And I make the said Sir John Preston my executor.

Item, to John Brymmore, 20*s*.

To Anne, daughter of John Brymmor, 20*s*.

Sir Giles Dawbeney, knight, to be overseer.

Witnesses: Sir Edward Huchyns, parish priest of Bruton

[*dom. Edwardo luchyns presbitero parochiali de Bruton*], Sir John Gawler, John Garrett, Thomas Holwey.

Proved 17th April, A.D. abovesaid.

## 1496. RICHARD GRENE.

[6 HORNE.]

13th February, A.D. 1496, I, Richard Grene, of Northcadbury, in the county of Somerset, bequeath my soul, &c., and my body to be buried within the church of St. Michael the Archangel.

Item, to the cathedral church of Wells, 20*d*.

To the church of Northcadbury, 40*s*.

To the church of Sowthcadbury, 12*d*.

To the church of Weston, 12*d*.

To the church of Sparkford, 12*d*.

To the churches of Sowthbarowe, Northbarowe, Gerlyngton, Blakford, and Compton Pawnsfote, [each] 12*d*.

To the Friars mendicant of Briggwater, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the Friars Preachers of Evylchestre, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To the repair of the highway (*vie regie*) next the house of Richard Machyn, 10*s*., for tithes forgotten, 5*s*.

To the Hospital of Sherborn, 26*s*. 8*d*.

To Henry Wattes and his sister, 26*s*. 8*d*.

To Thomas Fiziamys, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Richard Wattes, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Henry Wattes and John Wattes, children of Thomas Wattes, to each of them 10*s*.

To Edith, wife of Walter White, 6*s*. 8*d*., to each godchild (*cuilibet puero quem a sacro fonte levavi*) 4*d*.

To John Milis, one sheep with a lamb.

To William Pitman, one ewe with a lamb.

To Richard, son of David Toker, a calf (*vitulum*).

To Henry Barber, one lamb.

To the Hospital of Bruton, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To William Smyth, a gown.

The residue I give to Cecilia, my wife, whom I make my executrix.

Witnesses: Sir Roger Walshe, parish priest; Sir John Mores; William Pery, and John Butler, clerk, John Ascheford with many others.

Proved 28th April, A.D. 1497. Administration to Cecilia, the relict.

### 1497. WILLIAM RUSSELL.

[6 HORNE.]

The second daye of Aprile, A.D. 1497, I, Willyam Russell, make my testament in forme foloyng:—

I bequethe my body to be buried in the parisshe church of Tikenham.

Item, I bequethe to the modre church of Welles 4*d*.

Item, to the church of Clyvedon, 4*d*.

To the churches of Walton, Weston, Clopton & Wraxhale, 4*d*. each.

Item, to the bilydyng of the towre to the church of Tikenham, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to John, my son, my tenemente in Midell Tikenham duryng the terme of yeres as it apperith by myne endentures.

Item, to Isabell my doughter I yeve and bequethe a close of pasture lying within the lordeship of Kenne and parisshe of Yatton callid yest North yon, duryng my terme of yeres.

Item, I gif and bequeth to John Russell and to John Preest my tenement callid Persevals in the parisshe of Tikenham, duryng my terme of yeres.

Item, to the said John Russell my sonne before named, 2 brewyng leddis; item, 2 paire of wheles and a corn wayne; item, half a dosen silver spones and a ring of gold.

Item, to my doughter Isabell bifore named, six spones of silver and a ring of gold; and also all the hole apparell that longed to Alice my wif to her body.

Item, I yeve and bequethe to my 4 yonger sonnes one dossen of silver spones equally to be amongst them deuyded, prouyded that if any of theym dye within the yeres of descretion, that then the porcion of hym or them so decesed to goo to the fyndyng of a prest within the church of Tikenham.



The residue of my goodes not disposed I will that myne executours after named divide equally amongis my 6 children above rehersed ; and I ordeyne and make to be myne executours John Russell and John Preest, and to every of them I bequethe for their laboure 5 merke.

In witnes of John Hervie, John Netherway, and other.

Proved 3rd May, 1497, and administration committed to the executors.

[Written in English.]

### 1497. JOHN SALISBURY.

[12 HORNE.]

8th May, A.D. 1497, I, John Salisbury, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. George of Bekynton.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells 12*d*.

To Sir John Eliot, my curate, 20*d*.

Item, to the maintenance of one light before the image of the Blessed Mary and the image of St. Sithe<sup>1</sup> the virgin in the church of Bekynton, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I will that all my moveables outside the house shall be divided into three parts, the first of which parts I bequeath for my soul and for my debts.

Item, I bequeath the second part to my sons and daughters.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Edith, my wife, whom I make my executrix, and I ordain Thomas Horton and Thomas Barbone my true supervisors.

Proved 5th June, 1497, by Robert Donoff, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executrix named.

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<sup>1</sup> St. Osyth or Scytha, V.M., A.D. 870. She was commemorated on October 7th. The village and church of St. Osyth (Essex) and the church of Denham (Suffolk) are named in her honour. She is sometimes confused with St. Syre or Ciricus. (See *Wells Wills*, p. 172.)

## 1497. ROGER TWYNYHO.

[15 HORNE.]

25th May, A.D. 1497, I, Roger Twynho, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel of St. Nicholas in the church of Frome Selwood, co. Somerset, next my father.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to the maintenance and reparation of the chapel of St. Nicholas aforesaid, 20*s.*

Item, I give and bequeath to George Twynyho, my brother, all my lands and tenements which I have in fee simple in the town of Bristol and in the suburbs of the said town, and in co. Gloucester, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item, I bequeath to John, my godson, 20*li.* for the exhibition of the said John at the schools; and if he chance to die before the age of 20 years, then the said sum shall be disposed at the discretion of the said George Twynyho, my brother.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to the said George, whom I make my executor.

These being witnesses: Lady Margery Twynyho, Abbess of Shafton; Christopher Twynyho, clerk; Sir Thomas Blacked, chaplain; and many others.

Proved 21st November, 1497, by William Potkyn, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executor named.

## 1497. PHILIP LOVE.

[16 HORNE.]

4th Jule, A.D. 1497, I, Philip Love of Taunton, draper, make my testament under forme folowyng:—

I bequeath my bodie to the churchyarde and restyng place of Saynt Petir and Paule [in the] Prior[y] of Taunton.

Item, I bequeth unto my Lorde prior there, for my tithynges forgotten, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, unto the makyng of Mary Magdalen tower of the church, 40s.

Item, to the seruyce of the sepulture [and] of the high crosse, 6s. 8*d*.

Item, unto Master Nicholas Dissum, vicar, to pray for me and myne, 3s. 4*d*.

Item, to Thomas Clark, 12*d*.

Item, I will that Alson my wife shalhaue duryng her lyfe of widohode half my howse and dwellyng place with the gardeyn in the forestrete of Taunton, lying next the castell, and Willyam, my sonne, the other parte thereof, he beryng halfe the rente, and she the oder halfe yerly, after custome and maner fore used. Item, during the said time, I will the said Alson shalhaue my howse and gardeyne in Estrege, beryng the rente dew and wont by custome. Also all such plate & howsolde, as well bedyng, parell, and all other implementes, that she brought to me.

Item, my two shoppis full and hole, with all things longyng therto in cloth and odre. Item, I will that my executors take none of my wife's dettes whiche is dew unto her by the resone of her 3 furste husbondes, nor sew none of her dettours after my deceaste, but seuerally longyng to her selfe.

Item, I ordeyne that Willyam my sonne shalhaue the Chambur house in Estrege that Archur dwellith in.

Item, I bequethe to Watkyn, my sonne, 40s.

Item, unto John Joner<sup>9</sup>, 40s.

To John Love, my servant, 10 marke in money or money worth.

Item, I will that Isabell, my doughter, shalhaue all suche stuffe of housolde and implementes that was assigned by me of her grammother, full and hole to the valoure of 20*li*., whit that she marie by thaduyce of my executours and overseers. And if she die afore lawfull age, then I will that my executours of the same goodes deliver 8 markes for a preste by the yere; and the residue of my goodes not bequest, my dettis paid, I give and bequethe unto Willyam my son, whom I make and ordeyne my veray trew executour, to dispose after my will.

Item, I make and ordeyne Alson my wife, John Eston and



Richard Love my overseers; and that my executour take and delyuer John Eston for his laboure 6s. 8*d*.

Proved the last day of February, 1497, and administration comitted to the executor named.

[Written in English.]

### 1497. WILLIAM ABRE.

[16 HORNE.]

18th July, A.D. 1497, I, William Abre *alias* Pewterer, of Glaston, diocese of Bath and Wells.

My body to be buried in the church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston.

To the four lights of the same church, 16*d*.

To a fit secular priest to celebrate for one year in the said church for my soul, 8 marks.

To Agnes, my daughter, "one pipe de woode," a bowl (*crateram*) of silver half-gilt, weighing 16 ounces.

"*Fraternitati Misse Ihu* [Jeshu]" of Wells, 6s. 8*d*.

Residue to Margerete, my wife, whom I make executrix.

Sir John Newman to see my present will effectually fulfilled.

Witnesses: Thomas Fice, Mercer; William Golde, fishmonger; and William Doo.

Proved 1st March, A.D. 1497.

### 1497. RICHARD FLUETT.

[17 HORNE.]

22nd August, A.D. 1497, I, Richard Fluett, sound of mind, &c., and my body to be buried in the parish church of St. James of Bath.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 20*d*.

To the fabric of the parish church of St. James, 6s. 8*d*.

To Sir Richard Estyngton, my confessor, 20*d*.

To the fabric of God's House of Henton [Hinton Charterhouse], 6s. 8d.

To the fabric of the chapel of St. Katherine of Bath, 3s. 4d.

To the fabric of the great bridge of Bath, 3s. 4d.

To Walter, my servant, John Drove, Richard Drove, Isabella, my servant, and William Bocher, [each] oon setting wood.<sup>1</sup>

Residue to Joan, my wife, and William Bocher the elder, whom I make my executors. Sir John Cantlowe, prior of Bath, and John Cokkes, supervisors.

Witnesses : Sir Richard Estyngton, my confessor ; William Felice, and Thomas Welles.

Proved 25th October, A.D. 1497. Administration committed to Joan, the relict and executrix named.

## 1497. ISABELLA THURBARNE.

[16 HORNE.]

The last day of August, A.D. 1497, I, Isabella Thurban, widow, late wife of William Thurbarn, "yoman," of Yatton, co. Somerset, make my will in the manner which follows:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Yatton aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells 8d.

To the fabric of the church of Yatton, 6s. 8d.

To the vicar of the parish church of Yatton, 6s. 8d.

To the parish church of Esteherptre, 6s. 8d.

To the parish church of Kyngeston Semor, 20d.

Item, to the chapel of Kenne, 8d.

Item, I bequeath to each of my sons and daughters to whom I stood sponsor at the sacred font and who were presented to the sacred hands of the bishop (*per me ad sacrum fontem baptismatorum et ad sacras manus episcopi sublimatorum*) 4d.

Item, to Julian Childe, one girdle harnesssed, and one brass pan (*patellam*).

Item, to Alice Vale, one girdle harnesssed, and 13s. 4d., and one pair of beads (*preclarum*).

<sup>1</sup> "Oon setting wood," these words occur in the five bequests to these people.



Item, to my godson, son of John Vale, one cow.

To the other children of the said John Vale, one calf (*juvenculum*) to be equally divided between them.

Item, to Thomas Childe, my godson, one cow; and one calf to be equally divided between the two children of Richard Childe.

Item, I bequeath one cow and one calf to be divided among the children of William Knyght.

Item, to find a suitable chaplain to celebrate in the said church of Yatton for the souls of me and my said husband for one whole year, 8 marks.

I will that all the legacies above bequeathed and my funeral expenses shall be wholly paid with the moneys to be found in my chest, and out of debts owing by certain debtors to the aforesaid William Thurbarn in his lifetime and to me after his death; and the residue thereof I give to William Knyght, Richard Childe and John Vale, equally to be divided among them.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give to William Knyght, whom I make my executor.

These being witnesses: Walter Morys, vicar of Yatton; John Bulbecke; John Harlowe; Roger Bekis and others.

Proved 23rd February, 1497, by William Potkyn, notary public, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executor named.

### 1497. RICHARD ADAM.

[16 HORNE.]

21st December, A.D. 1497, I Richard Adam. My body to be buried in church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of the Priory of Taunton.

To the fraternity of the Blessed Mary in the church of St. James, near Taunton, 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Sir William Birte, canon, 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Sir Richard Mader, 2*s.* 8*d.*

To Sir John Baker, 2*s.* 6*d.*

To the prior and convent for tithes forgotten, 13*s.* 4*d.*

To the church of St. Andrew of Wells, 12*d.*



My other goods to Agnes, my wife, whom I appoint executrix.

Supervisors: Master James Adam and Richard Adam, my sons.

Proved penultimate day of February, A.D. 1497. Administration to Agnes, relict, &c.

### 1497. JOHN PYM.

[21 HORNE.]

8th February, 1497, I, John Pym, now vicar of the prebendal<sup>1</sup> church of Longsutton, make my will under the manner and form which follows:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the prebendal parish church of Longsutton.

Item, I bequeath to the cathedral church of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to the parish church of Longsutton, 40*s*.

Item, to the venerable father and lord John,<sup>2</sup> by the grace of God, Abbot of Athelney, to pray and distribute for my soul in pious uses, at his good pleasure, 10*li*.

Item, I bequeath to be distributed in money to the priests present on the day of my burial 100*s*.

Item, on the day of my trental, in like form, 40*s*.

I bequeath to be distributed by the hands of my executors among the needy poor, and especially those of Long Sutton, 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to each child whom I have held in the sacred font of baptism (*suscepi in sacro fonte baptismatis*), 4*d*.

Item, to each of my executors, for their pains about the fulfilling of this my will, 6*s*. 8*d*.

The rest (*cetera*) of my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to John Hay and John Persone of Long Sutton, whom I ordain my executors; and the abovesaid Abbot of Athelney, overseer.

<sup>1</sup> In 1201 the church of Long Sutton was made a prebend and attached to the abbacy of Athelney. (Church's *Early History of the Church of Wells*, p. 119.)

<sup>2</sup> John George was Abbot of Athelney 1485–1503. (S.R.S., xiv, 117.)

These being witnesses: John Borne, John Hogges, and others.

Proved 23rd April, 1498, and administration committed to the executors, in the person of Robert Donoff, their proctor, &c.

[1478, July 14.—John Pym instituted vicar of Long Sutton; Patron, Abbey of Athelney. (*Som. Incs.*, p. 195.)]

### 1497. WILLIAM ADICE.

[21 HORNE.]

*In Dei nomine Amen*, 11th March, A.D. 1497, I, William Adice, rector of the parish church of Charleton Makerell, make my will, &c.

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, &c., and my body to be buried in the parish church of Charleton aforesaid.

Item, to the said church, *3li. 6s. 8d.*

To the parish churches of Kyngeston, Butteligh, Kyngwardeston, Somerton, Kyngton, and Charleton Adam, to each one beast (*unam bestiam*), to be delivered to them by the rector of Kynwardeston.

To the chapel of Hurcotte,<sup>1</sup> two sheep.

To Margery, my sister, eight oxen with a plough and the whole harness (*apparatu*) of the same, and all my money, and my five spoons of silver in my house at Charleton Makerell.

I will that the said Margery have whatsoever she wishes of my best goods and of my beasts at Charleton aforesaid.

To John Edmondes, rector of the parish church of Kyngwardeston, my bed with all things to the same bed pertaining in my own chamber, my breviary (*portiforium*) and all my books at Charleton aforesaid, two oxen and my other plough with the whole harness (*apparatu*).

To John Egge, my servant, 3 oxen.

To William Ferreys, my servant, 2 oxen.

To John Aleyn, late my servant, 2 oxen.

To Edith Lite, 20s.

<sup>1</sup> This chapel was in Somerton. It was dedicated to St. James. See will of John Cammell, dated 1487.

To John Fridelok, my servant, 50 sheep.

To the said John Edmondes, my best gown with the hood.

To Robert, Richard, and John Sole, burgesses of Bristol, all that my tenement in the suburb of Bristol in the street called "Lewensmede" between the tenement of Sir John Chokke, knight, on the west, and the tenement of John Arthur, esquire, on the east, and it extends from the said street as far as the water of le Frome. To have, &c., for ever.

John Swayn and Thomas Keynes, my attornies, to deliver seisin.

The residue I bequeath to Richard Fitz James, Bishop of Rochester, John Hawley, of Bristol, chaplain, and John Fitz James the elder, esquire, whom I make my executors.

Witnesses: Sir John Edmondes, chaplain, John Balle and Thomas Touker.

Proved 7th May, A.D. 1498, by Master John Halley, executor, &c.

[Instituted to Rectory of Charlton Makerell September 28th, 1478. (*Som. Incs.*, p. 50.)]

## 1498. JOHN HICKES.

[22 HORNE.]

The xxij daye of Aprile the yere of owre Lorde M<sup>l</sup>ccccxxxxxviij I, John Hickes of the parishe of Yatton.

My bodie to be buried within the church of Yatton [to which church I bequeath] iij*l*. iiij*s*. viij*d*.

Item, to the modre church of Wellis, viij*d*.

To sir Walter Morise my curate, v*j**s*. viij*d*.

Also I will that Robert my elder sonn haue my tenement with all thynges that longeth to husbondry that is to say wayne plough with all other thynges longyng therto with oxen to occupye the same after the decease of my wife.

To Willyam my youngest sonne v*l*. of money to his mariage.

To eche of my godchildren, iiij*d*.

To Agnes Dultynġ a kertelcloth,

To Alis Pole my daughter a kertilclothe.



The residue . . . to Agnes my wife whome I make my sole executrice that she may dispose for my sowle as hit to her may be sene best.

Also I ordeyne Master Water Morise to be ouerseer.

Witnesses : Thomas Haclet, preste, Richarde Wamperfelde and Richard Wynpeny.

Proved 15th August, A.D. 1498. Administration to Agnes, relict, &c.

### 1498. JOHN CALDBEK.

[22 HORNE.]

25th April, A.D. 1498, I, John Caldbek, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Wellyngton.

My body to be buried in the middle of the chancel of the church of the Blessed Mary of Wellyngton.

To the mother church of Wells, 12*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the church of Wellyngton "*unum antiphonarium non ligatum continens in se Legendam competentem.*"

To the church of Booklande, 20*s*.

To Queen's Hall, Oxford, "*duos libros nota<sup>les</sup> scilicet Radulphum cartus. de vita Ihu Christi impressum et epistolas Ieronimi presbiteri impressum et pro note cerciori eorum 2<sup>o</sup> fo. primi memoriam habundancie secundo folio secundi significat.*"

To Sir John Stubbes, "*nepoti meo*," my complete best bed.

To Sir Robert Cole, 4 marks.

To Ralph, "*cognato meo*," 26*s*. 8*d*., a gown of violet, and my second best bed complete.

To my nephews Nicholas Stubbes and Richard and William, his brothers, all my lambs.

To Lucy Blawer, a russet gown.

To Agnes Crosse, my red mantle (*clamidem*).

To the Abbess and convent of Canonlegh, 20*s*.

The residue I give to Sir Robert Coke, my chaplain, and Sir John Stubbes, my nephew, my executors, to dispose for my soul.

Proved 12th July, A.D. 1498. Administration to the said executors.

[Calbeke, John, M.A., sup. for D.D. 17th March, 1462-3, fellow of Queen's 1452. (*Reg. Univ. Oxon*, Boase, i, 36.)]

## 1498. JOHN GUNTHORPE.

[22 HORNE.]

*"In nomine Sancti et indiv<sup>9</sup> Trin<sup>9</sup> Patris Filii et S. Spiritus ac Beate et gloriose Virginis Marie genitricis Dni nostri Ihu Christi necnon beatissimorum Apostol<sup>9</sup> Petri Pauli Andree et Johannis Evangeliste atque sanctissimorum virginum Katerine, Margarete, beatissime Marie Magdalene et Marie Egipcian et omnium sanctorum et sanctarum Dei die lune in crastino nativitatis Sci Johannis Baptiste xxv. die mensis Junii, 1498.*

*"Ego Iohannes Gunthorpe miser et indignus presbiter decanus eccl. Cath. Sci Andree Wellen. compos mentis, &c., sep. in capella sancte Katerine in parte australi summi altaris subtus imaginem beate Marie le Gesian.<sup>1</sup>"*

To the parish church of the Blessed Mary Magdalen of Dichesiat, diocese of Bath and Wells, 20*li.*, to provide ornaments for the use of the high altar.

To the parish church of Wedmore, 30*li.*, prebendal church of Bitton, diocese of Worcester, 20*li.*, prebendal church of Banbery, diocese of Lincoln, 30*li.*, prebendal church of Laughton in Morethyng, diocese of York, 40*li.*, to provide ornaments for the use of the high altars.

To the royal chapel of St. Stephen, at Westminster, 100 marks with that intent only, that the dean and canons faithfully cause my obit to be observed, for ever. If they refuse to do this my executors shall cause to be delivered to the said dean and canons 20*li.* for ornaments for the use of the high altar there.

To John Ustwaite and Joan, his wife, of the city of Wells, 40*li.*

To Robert Ustewaite, son of Thomas Ustewaite, all my lands and tenements in Est Grenewiche and in other parts of the county of Kent, to him and his heirs for ever.

To my sister, Helen Welles, wife of John Welles, 100 marks,

<sup>1</sup> This image of our Lady in Gesine, Bedgang, or Childbed is mentioned in the *Wells Cathedral MSS.*, pp. 287, 290. An account of it will be found in Waterton's *Pietas Mariana*, i, 234.

Kennet, from the *Reg. Wellen.*, says that in 1487 Dean Gunthorpe gave to the treasury of the church a massive silver image of the Virgin, weighing 158 ounces (Phelps's *Somerset*.)

and all lands which I have in the county of Lincoln, during her life, and after her death I will that the said Robert Ustewaite have the same lands entirely to him and his heirs for ever. If the said Robert die without heirs lawfully begotten all the said lands and tenements to remain to his two sisters Amy (*Ameé*) and Bridget and their issue, in default I will that the next heir of my blood shall succeed.

The residue I give to Masters Richard Hatton, doctor "*utriusque juris*," William Bakett, doctor of decrees, subdean of the said cathedral church, Sir William Hoody, knight, Robert Pemberton, priest and bachelor of decrees, and John Ustewaite, abovenamed, whom I make my executors that they may dispose for the health of my soul.

Supervisor: "*Reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dom. Joh. permissione divina Landaven. Episcopus.*"

Present: Master Nicholas Trappe, general proctor of the Court of Canterbury and Thomas Goldewege, priest, notaries public, John Welles, gentleman, John Fonteyn, and Thomas Iosue, "*literatis.*"

Proved 26th August, A.D. 1498.

[The following were the testator's preferences with dates, as far as they can be gathered from Le Neve's *Fasti* :—

1452.—One of the Vicars of the Collegiate Church of Southwell (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, 125).

1468, September 30.—Warden of King's Hall, Cambridge.

1468, December 30.—Prebendary of Hoxton (London).

1471, August 15.—Prebendary of Banbury (Lincoln).

1471–2, February 22.—Prebendary of Wenlakesbarn (London).

1472, October 3.—Archdeacon of Essex.

1472, December 18.—Dean of Wells.

1478, May 15.—Prebendary of Laughton (York).

He died June 25, 1498, and was buried in Wells Cathedral near Bishop Drokenford. His arms (*a chevron betw. en three hand grenades*) are to be found on his tomb, at the Deanery, and also on the parapet of the chancel of Ditchat Church. (See Jewers's *Wells Cathedral*, 75, 270.)]



## 1498. JOAN SYDENHAM.

[35 HORNE.]

15th July the yere of our lorde Gode 1498, I, Joan Sydenham, wedowe, make my testament in this maner :—

I bequeth my body to be buryed in the priorie church of Canyngton before the Roode at the Quere dore.

Also I will that Sir Robert Teler, now my chaplayn, or another honest preest, if the seid Sir Robert decesse or departe, syng and pray for my soule yerely by the space of 5 yeres, 3 of the first yeres theroff to be serued in the seid priorie at the awter of saynt Kateryne, and that other 2 yeres after that in the pariss church of Canyngton at the awter of saynt Nicholas.

Also I bequeth to the moder church of saynt Andrew of Welles 3*s.* 4*d.*

To the priorasse and convent of Canyngton, a basyn and a ewer of siluer, 2 cruetts of siluer, a paxe brede of siluer gylte, the said cruetts and paxe brede to be in the keypyng of the Sexten of the said priorie duryng the said terme of 5 yeres, to serue my prest at his masse on high festiuall dayes.

Also I bequeth to the priorasse before said, to pray for my soule, 6*s.* 8*d.*

To the Suppriorasse of the same howse, 3*s.* 4*d.*; and to every mynched proffessed, 2*s.*, and to every nonne there, 12*d.*

Also I bequeth to the vicary of Canyngton 6*s.* 8*d.*

To the howse of Canyngton, 40*s.*

To the pariss church of Canyngton, 40*s.*

To the bretherden of the Trinitie in the pariss church of Canyngton, 10*s.*, for 3 names to be hadde in the same bretherden, that is to sey, my name and the names of my 2 husbondes John saynt Tabyn [St. Aubyn] and John Sydenham.

Also I bequeth to the pariss church of Strengeston 20*s.*

To the newe werke of the pariss church of saynt Decuman, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Also I bequeth to the Freres of Brugwater 40*s.*

To the Freres of Iuelchester, 10*s.*

To my doughter, suster Elizabeth Sydenham at Boke-lond, 40*s.*

To Elizabeth Boler, mynchyn at Canyngton, 26s. 8*d.*, and a pece of siluer called a playn cuppe.

Also I bequeth to my sone saynt Tabyn a bolle pece of siluer with a couer of siluer, and a salt seler of siluer.

Also to my daughter Elizabeth, mynchyn of Bokland, a salt seler of siluer.

Also to Agnes Huyssh my gentilwoman, 8 markes in money, with a bedde performed, that is to sey, a fetherbedde, a materas, a bolster, a payre of blankettes, 2 payre of shetes, a pelow and a couerlet of grenesaye.

Also I bequeth to William Trowbruge, my servant, 8 markes and a bedde performed, with a tester and a seler.

Also to John saynt Tabyn the yonger, my godde sone, 20s.

To John Berde my servant, 6s. 8*d.*

To the poore men and poore women of the almeshowse of Stokgursey, 3s. 4*d.*

To the poore men and poore women of the almehouse of Brugwater, 20*d.*

I woll that myn executor doo to be seid for me 100 masses before that I be buryed, and to distribute amonges poore folkes in money and brede 3*li.* 6s. 8*d.* And at the yeres ende, called the Anniuersary in lykewise to distribute 3*li.* 6s. 8*d.*

Also I woll that my seid prest and chaplayn sey by the space of 20 dayes nexte after my buriall daily dirige with commendacions and masse, and to have for his labor 6s. 8*d.* Also daily duryng the moneth next after my deth, the 7 psalmes, the 15 psalmes, and the letanye. And also, after the seid 30 dayes passed, by the space of 5 yeres every weke, monday, Wednesday and Friday, dirige with lawdes and commendacions, and to have for his labor yerely 6*li.* 13s. 4*d.*, fyndyng himself brede, wine and wexe. Also I woll that ther be departed every Friday and Saturday for my soule wekely during the terme of the seid 5 yeres among poore people 5*d.*

Also I woll that the prioresse and the Conuent of Canyngton have yerely of my londes and rentes lying in the parisshe of Ouerstowey byside the parke, whiche londes John Walsshman holdeth there, and is called Thurlondes, 16*d.*, to maynteyn the lamp before the roode at the quere dore, where my body shall lye.

Also I woll that the seid Agnes Huyssh, in consideration of her good and longe service with me, have yerely 13s. 4d. duryng her lyff, oute of my londes and tenementes in Luttockesborogh in the pariss of Crawcomb, whiche londes John Turke holdeth nowe of me. Also I woll that the seid William Trowbruge have yerely duryng his lyff 40s. owte of my londes and tenementes in Chadde marsh in the pariss of Stokegomer.

And furthermore I woll that the issues of my londes and tenementes in Olfoxton, Wache, Tuxe, Oldmynster, a place called Tokingmylle, and in Burton in the pariss of Stokgursey, which londes, all and some, were the londes and tenementes of Richard Popham, by the space of 10 yeres be receyued and applyed to the performance of this my will, the contentacion of my dettes and legacies, and other charitable dedes for the welthe of my soule.

Also I bequeth to Johane Boler, my doughter is doughter, a girdell of blake felwett harneysed with siluer and gilte, and a newe signet of golde.

Also I bequeth unto Dame Alianor, priorasse of Canyngton, and to the Convent of the same, all the wodde lying in the house besides my stabell within the curtlage of Canyngton.

Also, to my doughter Dame Elisabeth Boler, my gowne with felwett cuffyys, and all my weryng kercheff evenly to be departed betwene her and my seid servant Agnes Huyssh.

Also I geve to the seid Agnes Huyssh my gobelet of siluer with the cover, and my gowne of violet bordered with blacke schanke.

And I bequeth to Willyam Trowbruge, besides all other bequestes, for his true service done unto me, and for asmoche as I haue hadde long tyme the use and pleasure of his house, gardyn and orchard, with the frutes and profites without paying of any rente, in recompense of the same I yeue to hym my wodde lying in the same house, to be departed equally betwene Dame Elizabeth Boler, Agnes Huyssh and hym.

Also a chetell, a panne, all my bruyng vesselles, a brasyn mortar, and a russet mantell, which was sir Harries; also all the hongyng of my chamber, a brasyn pott with a broken brymme.

Also to Agnes Huyssh, a brasyn panne of 4 galons and more, a posnet with a stele and broken feete, and a stele panne.



Also I yeve to Dame Elizabeth Boler, a blacke panne of 2 galons and more.

The residue of all my goodes I yeve and bequeth to my sone John Sydenham, and hym I ordeyne and make my executor, praying and requyryng him uppon my blessing that he, consideryng how goode and loving moder I haue ben unto him, that he fulfyll this my last wille.

There beyng present at makyng of this my last wille John Sydenham of Brympton, Thomas Tylly, Reginald Hody, esquyers, Robert Byccomb, gentelman, sir John Evan, preest, Nicholas Cutter, William Beruyle, Robert Bernevyle and many other.

Proved 28th June, 1499, by Reginald Hoody and William Trowbrige, witnesses, and administration committed to the executor named.

[Written in English.]

## 1498. JOHN COPER.

[26 HORNE.]

29th August, A.D. 1498, I, John Coper, bequeath my body to be buried before the altar of St. John the Baptist in the church of St. George of Bekynton.

To the mother church of Wells, 12*d*.

To the church of Bekynton, 40*s*.

To each son and daughter of mine, 10*li*.

To Hugh Trapinoll, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To Nicholas Gouvyn, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To William Hawkyngs, 6*s*. 8*d*.

To John Smyth, 6*s*. 8*d*.

The residue I give to Philippa, my wife, and John Coper, my son, whom I make executors, and Thomas Compton my overseer.

Witnesses : Thomas Compton, Hugh Trapnoll, and Nicholas Gouvyn.

Proved 18th November, A.D. 1498.

["Before the high altar of St. John the Baptist in the church of

St. Gregory of Beckynton," *Test. Vet.*, ii, 438. In this short statement there are two errors. The words are "corpusque meum sepeliendum corā altari sancti Johannis baptiste in ecclia sancti Georgii de Bekynton." According to *Test. Vet.* the testator was of the family from which the Earl of Shaftesbury is descended.]

## 1498. RICHARD AP HOWELL.

[34 HORNE.]

26th September, A.D. 1498, I, Richard ap Howell of Glaston in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary of Glaston, within the monastery.

Item, I bequeath to the four lights (*luminibus*) of the church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston, 2s.

Item, I bequeath to the church aforesaid one pair of vestments.

Item, to William, my son, one silver bowl (*crateram*), one silver spoon, and one "le pipe de woode."

Item, to the reparations of the causeway (*calceto*) of Strete and Sowe<sup>y</sup>,<sup>1</sup> 8*d*.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed, after my debts are paid, I give and bequeath to Joan, my wife, whom I make my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul.

These being witnesses: Sir John Androwe, Robert Page, William Basse and Thomas Bery.

Proved at Lambeth 9th June, A.D. 1499, by the oath of Richard Antony, "*literati*," her proctor, and administration committed to Joan, relict, in the person of her said proctor.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 228, note 1.



## 1498. THOMAS WEBB.

[30 HORNE.]

23rd October, A.D. 1498, I, Thomas Webbe, parishioner of Stoke next Chew Episcopi, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Andrew of Chew.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the mother church of Wells 4*d*.

Item, to the chapel of the Blessed Mary of Chew, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to the parish church of Stoke aforesaid, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, I bequeath to the Rector of Stoke aforesaid, for celebrating a trental of St. George (*sic*) for my soul, 10*s*.

Item, to my sons, to wit, Martin Webbe and John Webbe, four woollen cloths.

Item, to my daughters, to wit, Agnes and Alice, two heifers (*juvencas*).

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed, after my debts and funeral expenses are paid, I give and bequeath to Joan, my wife, whom I make my executrix; and her (*eius*) overseers, Thomas Shepman of Clopton and John Butler of Stoke aforesaid.

These being witnesses: John Crosse, William Sawnders, Richard Wheler, with divers others then present.

Proved 22nd February, 1498, by Master William Potkynne, notary public, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executrix named.

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## 1498. RICHARD VOWELL.

[29 HORNE.]

20th November, A.D. 1498, I, Richard Vowell of Wells, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. Cuthbert of Wells.



Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells 3s. 4d.

Item, to the painting (*picture*) of the altar of the Blessed Mary in the same church, 40s.

Item, to the prior and convent of the house of Bruton, one cup.

Item, to the canons (*concanonicis*) of the same house, to say for my soul exequies and mass of requiem on the day of my burial, 20s.

Item, to the prioress of Bucklond and to the convent of the same house, one cup.

Item, to the sisters of the same house, to say for my soul exequies and mass of requiem on the day of my burial, 20s.

Item, I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife my tenement in which I dwell in Wells aforesaid, with the curtilage, orchard and close adjacent, for term of her life in name of dower, and also another tenement lying in Shirborne in co. Dorset, "*in la newlonde*," in which tenement John Knap now dwells.

Item, to the Master (*Magistro*) and Commonalty of the city of Wells, three tenements in the city of Wells, lying together in the street called Southouer, between the way (*viam*) which leads to the close which Joan Smyth now holds for term of her life, the reversion whereof belongs to the Master and Commonalty of the said town, on the west, and the tenement of the prior of St. John the Baptist on the east, in which tenements John Kynge, "milwarde," Thomas Wiseman, "toker," and Joan, late wife of John Craynarde, now dwell, to hold to them and their successors for ever, upon this condition, that they shall hold or cause to be held in the church of St. Cuthbert of Wells aforesaid my obit on the day of my death (*obitus*) and of Margaret my wife, when we shall have departed this life, of our parents and children, according to the honest manner of obits held in the same church, distributing to the vicar of the said church 8d., and to each priest (*presbitero*) celebrating in the same church 4d. Item, to each of the three clerks, 2d. ; to the wardens of the goods of the church, 8d. ; to the beadle<sup>1</sup> (*preconi*), 2d. Item, to the Fraternity of the Holy Trinity in the same church yearly, 20d., that the

<sup>1</sup> Hic preco, "a bedylle." (*Wright's Vocabularies*, Wülcker, i, 681.)

chaplain may pray for us yearly in the mass as he does for other brothers there.

Item, I bequeath to the Fraternity of St. John the Baptist in the same church yearly, 20*d.*, that the chaplain of that chapel may do as the chaplain of the Holy Trinity does in the mass.

Item, to the Fraternity of Jesus yearly, 4*d.*

Item, to the Master of the Commonalty to oversee all these things done and faithfully fulfilled, 12*d.*

Item, I will that after my debts are paid all the rest of my goods shall be disposed by Margaret, my wife, whom I make my sole executrix.

These being witnesses: William Vowell, my son, Master John Blakdon, my confessor, Thomas Hikely, chaplain, and others.

Proved 16th February, 1498, by Master William Potkyn, notary public, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executrix named.

#### 1498. JOHN AUSTELL.

[29 HORNE.]

17th December, A.D. 1498, I, John Austell, canon residentiary of the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells.

My body to be buried in the chapel of the Holy Ghost within the cathedral church aforesaid situate on the north side of the high altar.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said cathedral church 20*s.*

Item, I bequeath to the library of the said cathedral church "*unam bibleam impressam in duobus voluminibus*," and another book called "*lira, impressum in iiij<sup>or</sup> voluminibus*."

Item, I bequeath to the aforesaid chapel of the Holy Ghost "*unum librum impressum vocatum Augustinus de Trinitate et de Ciuitate Dei*" in one volume.

To the same chapel, "*aliud librum impressum vocatum Titus Liuius*" and "*aliud librum impressum 'Plinius'*."

Item, I bequeath to the chapel of the vicars choral of the cathedral church aforesaid situate at the end of the vicars' close "*unum librum nominatum Policronicon et aliud librum vocatum Valerius Maximus cum commento impress.*"

To the Master of the scholars of the aforesaid cathedral church, for the use of the school there, "*libros Catholicon et gutrannii [or gutrumni] impress<sup>9</sup>, choristis eccl. cath. unum capicium de scarlet ad usum eorundem certo tempore anni ut mos exigit ocupand<sup>9</sup>, eccl. paroch. de Wynforde unum par vestimentorum de blew velvet el unum portiforium.*"

To Richard Smyth, my servant, a second best pot of "bras" and a best dish (*patellam*) one silver spoon, a horn with silver and gilt band (*ligatura*) and 40s. in money.

To Andrew, my servant, one good pot (*ollam*) of "brasse," a plate, a silver spoon, and 40s. in money.

To Thomas, my other servant, one brass pot, &c.

To Sir John Fox, my vicar choral, one small silver saltcellar (*salsarium*) with its silver covering.

Item, to Emota, my sister, wife of Thomas Browne, a gown of "scarlet," a silver cup, and 40s. in money.

To Edmund Seyntlo, esquire, "*cognato meo*," a silver cup and 40s. in money.

To Nicholas Kelly, a gown and 20s. in money.

To John, son of the said Edmund Seyntlo, 12 sheep.

Item, to Walter Seyntlo, "*unum librum vocatum 'cronica cronicarum' et alterum librum vocatum 'Marcianus de nupciis philologie,' unum parvam bibliam manu scriptam*" and a book of decrees.

To Margaret Awne, wife of Thomas Awne, of the city of Wells, a gown, a silver spoon, and 6s. 8d. in money.

To Isabella Hert a gown of "tawny" which is at my benefice of Wynforde.

To Master Thomas Awstell, my brother, canon residentiary of the cathedral church abovewritten, a silver cup with its cover, and 4 marks in money.

To John Seyntlo, knight, a silver cup with its cover, and 4 marks in money.

To Sir William Longe, my chaplain, a silver cup, and 4 marks in money.

The residue I bequeath to the aforesaid Thomas Awstell, John Seyntlo, and William Long, whom I make my executors, that they may dispose of my goods not bequeathed for the weal of my soul.



Present: Master John Standewik, notary public, and John Tiler, of Wells.

Proved 15th February, A.D. 1498.

[Testator was instituted Rector of Winford June 10, 1442, and held the benefice till his death.]

### 1498. SYBIL CAMMELL.

[34 HORNE.]

20th January, A.D. 1498. I, Sybil Cammell, late the wife of John Cammell, of Glaston, diocese of Bath and Wells, bequeath, &c., and my body to be buried in the church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston, within the chancel, in the tomb of my husband Thomas Frye, esquire. And if it cannot conveniently be done, let it be done near his side.

Item, I bequeath to each light (*lumini*) in the said church, 4s.

Item, I ordain and dispose for one honest and suitable priest to serve in the choir and to celebrate for my soul and the souls of my spouses, boys, friends, kinsmen, benefactors, and all the faithful deceased in the said church, 9 marks to be taken yearly for the space of five years.

Item, to the causeways (*calcetis*) of Stret and Sowe, 10s.

To the fabric of the parish church of St. John the Baptist, "*unum dolium ferri*."

To the fabric of the chapel of St. Benignus, "*unam pipam<sup>1</sup> ferri*."

To the fabric of the parish church of Budeley, "*unam pipam ferri*."

To the fabric of the chapel of Baltisborowe, "*dimidiam pipam ferri*."

To each godson (*filiolo*), 4d.

To Lucy Fitz, two gowns lined (*duplicatas*) with woollen cloth, 2 curtells and 3s. 4d.

To Master Walter Wilde, "*unam cratheram roseam*" with a

<sup>1</sup> Pye, vessel or half tunne, *semidolium*, *pipa*. (*Prompt. Parv.*) Ton (*dolium*) = 4 hogsheads, pipe = 2 hogsheads, quarter = 1 hogshhead = 60 gallons.

gilt foot and a gilt mouth, a book that he shall wish to choose, and 20s.

"*Johanne Rendale servienti mee nuper j zonam stipatam non deauratam cum rubeo colore in una parte et viridi colore ex altera parte.*"

To the poor in the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalen in Glaston, one waggon-load of fire-wood (*unum plaustrum focalium*).

I make Richard Frye, my son, executor, and Walter Frye supervisor.

The residue I give to Richard Frye, my son.

Witnesses: Master William Spekenton, bachelor "*in utroque jure*," Sir John Hardiberd, notary public, and Sir John Barfhill, chaplain.

Proved 20th June, A.D. 1499, by the oath of the executor named.

## 1498. JOHN SANTLO, KNT.

[32 HORNE.]

14th March, A.D. 1498, I, John Santlo, knyght, make this my present testament concerning my last will in maner and forme folowyng:—

I bequethe my body to be buried in the parisshe chorch of Chewe, within Bath and Wellys diocese, in the countie of Somerset.

Item, I bequethe to the moder chirche of Wellys 3s. 4d.

To the parisshe chirche of Chewe, for to bye ornamentes or other thingys necessarie for the bodie of the same, 40s., and a portuous newe amakyng and remaynyng as yet in the handes of Sir Phillip my chappeleyn.

Item, I bequethe to my curat of the parisshe chorch of Chewe, for tithes and offeringes negligently withholdin and forgotin, 20s.

Item, to Marie my doughter, 100*li.* to be paid to the said Marie as sone as she shall come to the age of 15 yeres.

Item, to Alianore my doughter, 100*li.* in like manner.

If it happen any of my said 2 doughters to decesse afore the age by me above expressid, then I will that the 100*li.* bequethid

to her so decessing be hooly paied to hir overlyving; and if they both decesse, which God defende, then I will the 200*li.* shall be paied to Nicholas Santlo, my sonne and haire.

Item, I bequethe to the Prior and Convent of the hows of Temple freris in Bristowe, 20*s.*; and to every other Prior and Convent of the ordre of freris within Bristowe, 5*s.*

And the residue of my goodes as yet not bequethid to be disposid for the welthe of my sowle according by the good mynde of Dame Isabell my wife, Nicholas Sayntlo my brother, and John Poole, yoman of the Crowne, which I make and ordeyne myne executours; and Sir John Chok, knight, overseer of this my present testament.

In wittenesse whereof to this my present testament and last will I have putte my seale, these being present: Sir John Chok, knyght afore named, John Bodestrant esquier, Syr John Kedill, preste, John Staunton, Thomas Smyth, John Smygge the yonger, and other.

Proved [date omitted], and administration committed to the executors, in the person of Master John Reede, notary public, their proctor in this behalf.

[Written in English.]

#### 1498. DAME ISABEL NEWTON.

[23 HORNE.]

18th Marche, the yere of oure Lorde 1498, I, Dame Isabell Newton of Wyke within the pariche of Yatton, late the wif of Sir John Newton, knight, make my testament in this wise:—

I bequethe my body to be buried in the newe chapell of Saint John the Evangelist within the churche of Yatton.

Item, I bequethe to the Cathedrall Church of Wellys, my moder churche, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Also to the parishe churche of Yatton, 40*s.*

Item, I bequethe to Master Water Morice, vicary of the saide churche, 20*s.*

Item, I will and ordeyne that myne executours do fynd a well disposed Preest to sing for my soule within the church of Yatton in the newe chapell of Saint John above rehersed during the space of 5 yeres.



Also I bequeithe to every ordre of the 4 ordres within the towne of Bristowe, 13s. 4*d*.

Item, to the church of Brokeley, 10s.

Item, to the church of Chelvey, 10s.

To the church of Obley, 6s. 8*d*.

To the church of Congaresbury, 6s. 8*d*.

To the church of Thornefaucou, 6s. 8*d*.

To the prisoners of Newgate in the towne of Bristowe, 6s. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeithe to Elizabeth Kenne, my doughter, one bason of siluer, with an ewer, and one potte of siluer and a bordeclothe of diaper.

Item, I bequeithe to the mariage of Anne Kynne, daughter of John Kynne, 40*li*., to be delivered to the saide Anne by the hands of Richard Newton my sonne, when she is maried.

Item, I bequeith to the mariage of Isabell Newton, doughter of Thomas Newton, my sonne, 40*li*.

Item, to John Newton, sone to Thomas Newton, 13*li*. 6s. 8*d*.

Item, I bequeith unto Nicholas Newton, my sonne, a flatte pece with a kever.

Item, unto the same Nicholas my manor y callid Doghatherley within the countie of Gloucester.

Item, I bequeithe to Thomas Kenne, sonne to John Kenne, all londes and tenementes in Brentmershe y callid Berough Grene and Burneham, to his exhibicion to scole during termes and yeres that John Broke gentilman late hath hade of the gyfte and feoffement of John Kenne, gentilman, by his charture ended, whose date the 10th day of June.

Item, I bequeith to Sir Thomas Haklet, prest, 4*li*. to his exhibucion to scole at Oxonford.

Item, to every of my servants y callid yemen servants, 6s. 8*d*.

The residue of my goodys not bequeithed I give and bequeithe to Richard Newton my sonne, whom I ordeyne my sole executor. In to wisesse of the which thing to this present writing I have putte my seale.

These witnes Master Water Morice, curate; Sir Thomas Haklett, preest; Thomas Emwell, yoman.

(No entry of Probate Act.)

[Written in English.]

## 1499. JOHN GILBERT.

[7 MOONE.]

20th Aprile the yere of our lorde God 1499, I, John Gilberte of Wittecombe,<sup>1</sup> make my last will in this manner:—

I bequeith my body to be buried in the churche of Wittecombe aforesaid.

Item, I geve and bequeith to the Cathedrall Church of Welles and Bath, 12*d.*

Item, I will that 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of the revennews of my manor of Stert aboue the annuite graunted by me unto Robert Gilbert, my sone, and Margarete his wif, be paied yerely to the contentacion of my dettes.

I geve and bequeith to my doughter Jone Leweston a bedde with all the stufte therto belonging and the hangyng of a chamber.

Also I will that an annuite of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* be graunted unto my sone John goyng out of the manor of Sampborn in the Countie of Southampton, for terme of his life, or elles out of my landes within the Ile of Wight.

Item, I bequeith to every of my servantes, both man and woman, 12*d.* above there wages in money or money worth.

Item, to the prisoners being within the gaoles of Dorchester and Ivelchester, 3*s.* 4*d.*

I bequeith all the indumentes of my body unto my sonnes, whereof the best unto my sone Robert.

I geve unto my sone Sir Henry, prest, a complete bede.

I will that my wif enioye all my goodes and catalls duryng her life, and after her disceace I will that one halfe of my saide goodes be disposid amongst my sonnes and doughters or elles a mongest there children, if eny of theme be in lyf, and the tother halfe to be disposid after the discrecion of my saide wif in dedes of cherite, to pray for us; provided that my wif haue of my saide goodes 6 oxen, a wayne with all thapparall therto belonging and all maner of plough gere with dragge, harowe and all other thinges therto belonging, and a 100 shepe, weders or ewes at her pleasure.

<sup>1</sup> Whitcombe, in the parish of Corton Denham.

And my saide wife Jone and Robert Gilbert, my sone, I ordeyne myne Executors to dispose my said goodes according unto my last will after ther best maner.

Proved 16th November, 1499, by Robert Donoff, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executors named.

[Written in English.]

### 1499. THOMAS CROSLLEY.

[34 HORNE.]

I, Thomas Crosley of the parisshe of Frome Selwode in the yere M<sup>c</sup>ccclxxxxix, the xxviiij daie of Aprile make this my testament.

My bodie to be buried in the Church of Saynte John Baptiste in Frome aboue saide.

Item, to the Cathedrall church of Wellis xij*ð*.

To my sonne Edward Crosley to pray for my soule vj*ð*. viij*ð*.

To Amice Ludwell my doughter to praie for my soule vj*ð*. viij*ð*.

Such goodes as my executours name and dispose to my sonnes Herry and Richarde and unto John my yongest sonne be delyuerd to theym as at my own ordynance.

The residue I will that my wife Helene dispose, the which Helene I ordeyne my executrice.

These beryng witnes, sir Willyam Cliff curate, sir John Adams, William Richardes and dyuers oder.

Proved 8th June, A.D. 1499. Administration to Helene, the relict, &c.

### 1499. JOAN WARRE.

[38 HORNE.]

2nd May, A.D. 1499, I, Joan Warre, relict of Richard Warre, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the chapel of St. Katherine in the parish church of Illmystre.



Item, I will that the body of my mother, where it now lies buried, shall be removed, carried, and buried in the chapel of St. Katherine in the aforesaid church as soon as conveniently may be.

Item, I bequeath to George Sidenham, chaplain, one feather bed and one cover (*coopertorium*) of "Tapestry werke."

Item, to Margaret Sampforde, my servant, one bed in which it chanceth I shall finish my life, with all the apparel of the same.

Item, I bequeath to the prior and convent of Taunton, to pray specially for me, 20s.

Item, to the prioress and convent of Buclond, to specially pray for me, 20s.

Item, to Richard Worle, my servant, 10s.

Item, to Hugh Garth, vicar of Ilton, 6s. 8d.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to John Wadham, knight, whom I make my executor, to dispose for the health of my soul in the best way he shall be able.

These being witnesses: John Tailoure, vicar there; John Chafie, with others.

Proved 16th November, 1499, by Robert Donof, "*literatus*," proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executor named.

## 1499. JOHN BUYSSHOPE.

[7 MOONE.]

6th Auguste in the yere of oure lorde 1499, I John Buysshoppe of Taunton, Towker, make my testament and will under this maner:—

I bequeith my body to the church of Saint Peter and Paule in the Priory of Taunton there to lighe be twene 2 Pillours of the side side<sup>1</sup> of Trinite dore.

Item, I geve and bequeith to the Prior and his Couent of Taunton for my forgotten tithynges, and to take me as a broder there, and to be present at my dirige and masses, half a pipe of odde [woad].

<sup>1</sup> *Sic* MS. [? south side].

Item, I bequeith to the making of the newe towre at Mawdeley church in Taunton, a peace of wollen clothe in value 20s.

Item, to every seruice of the sepulchre and hiecross within the same church a peace of wollen clothe of the same valor.

Item, I bequeith to Master Nicholas Dissa<sup>m</sup> 10s.

To the church of Wellis, 20*d*.

To every prest that comyth to my dirige and masse, 8*d*.

To every clerke, 4*d*.

To every godchilde of myne, 12*d*.

Item, I bequeith unto John Busshop of Lyme 2 peaces of wareclothes.

Item, to Master John Busshop in money, 40s.

To William Busshop, halfe a packe of Tauntons.<sup>1</sup>

Item, to Joane Busshop, a stondyng cup covered parcell gilte, a salte of siluer couered, a dossen spones of siluer, a packe of tauntons, and the reversion of my house after the discease of my wif, she to kepe yerely in the church of Mary Mawdelen during the yeres of the saide house a obite of 3s. 4*d*. for me and my wif. And if she die be fore tyme of lawfull age, I will that all the said goodes shall returne unto a Preest selarie for me, and the revercion of the saide house to returne unto the Sepulchre service.

Item, I will the same Jane have parte of my stuffe of housholde after my wifes discease at her will and disposicion.

Item, I bequeith unto Isabeth Busshop halfe a dossen spones and part of my housholde after my wifes discease.

Item, unto Sir Rafe Bery, my broder, 20s. in money.

The residue of my goodes not bequeithed I geve unto Joane my wif, whom I ordeyne and make my true executrix, and Sir Raffe Bery, prest, my broder, and Thomas Walshotte to be supervisors of this my last will, Sir Raffe taking for his labor a peace of silver uncovered, and the saide Thomas, my best gowne and 26s. 8*d*. in money.

To these witnessith Master Nicholas Dissham, vicar, notory papall, John Will, preest, Sir Nicholas Tresshere with other moo.

<sup>1</sup> A broad cloth so named from the place of its manufacture (see *The Drapers' Dictionary*).



Proved 16th November, 1499, by the oath of Robert Donoff, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executrix named.

[Written in English.]

### 1499. JOHN ROSEWILL.

[38 HORNE.]

12th August, A.D. 1499, I, John Rosewill of Bradford in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Bradford aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Wells 12*d*.

Item, to the fabric of the church of Bradford aforesaid, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, to the store (*stauro*) of the said church, one cow.

Item, to the vicar there, for tithes forgotten, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item, to each of my sons and daughters, 40*s*.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath entirely to Anastasia, my wife, whom I make my sole executrix.

These being witnesses : Master William Squyer, vicar there ; John Hawkyns ; William Rowper, with many others.

Proved at Lambeth 16th November, 1499, and administration granted to the executrix named, in the person of Robert Donoff, "*literati*," proctor, &c.

### 1499. JOHN SHEPARDE.

[39 HORNE.]

The laste daie of the monethe of Auguste the yere of oure lordē God 1499, I, John Sheparde of the parisshe of Banwell in the diocese of Bathe and Wellis, make this my present testament as foloueth :

I bequeth my body to be buried within the churche of saynt Andrewe in Banwell.



Also I bequeth to the lightis of the saide churche 3s.

To the high aulter of saynte Andrew for my tithes forgotten or witholdenne, 3s.

Also I biquethe to the biyng of 2 newe tynicles for a sewte to the beste blewe chesible 20s.

To the reparacions of the Cathedrall Church of Wellis, 4*d*.

To the reparacion and amending of the high waie bitwixte stanbrige and Willyam Hawkyns howse beside Worle, 6s. 8*d*.

Also I bequethe to Richarde Sheparde, my sonne, a pipe of woode [woad] and 6*li*. 13s. 4*d*.; also a maser of siluer and gilte, a complete bedde, a materas and a bolster, 2 blankettis, 2 pair of shetis and a helynge, his moders beedis and a girdelle harnesssed with siluer or ellis 4 bulloks.

Also I bequethe to Johanne Cade 20s., and her modres best girdell harnesssed with silver, and a gowne of grene.

Item, I bequeth to Alis Thier my doughter, a motly gowne and a brasse potte.

I bequeth to the 4 childrenne of the said Alis Thier, and everich of theym syngularly, 3s. 4*d*.

Also I bequeth to Alice Yowe a kirtell clothe.

Also to Thomas Sheparde my sonne, a pipe of Woode and 12*li*. that Humfrey Holte of Bristowe oweth to me, if he canne Recouer hit.

Also I bequeth to an honeste preste to syng for my sowle, my fader and moder, my wife's, Robert Sheparde and all Christen sowles within the churche of saynte Andrewe in Banwell, by the hole yere, 6*li*.

The residue of all and singuler my goodes and catalles a boue not bequethid I geue and bequeth hooly to Willyam Sheparde my sonne, the which Willyam I make my executour. These beyng witnesses: sir Willyam Jonys, curate there; Willyam Sheparde of Kenne, and dyvers others.

Proved 9th October, 1499, by William Imbroke, notary public, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executor named.

[Written in English.]

**1499. WILLIAM STRODE, ESQ.**

[6 MOONE.]

14th September, 1499, I, William Strode the elder of Somerton in the county of Somerset, esquire, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to holy burial in the north part of the church of Somerton aforesaid ; and to perform and fulfil this I bequeath to the church aforesaid 20s.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of one tower in the church of Benyster [Beaminster], co. Dorset, 40s.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, after my debts are paid, I give and bequeath to Alice, my wife, whom I ordain my executrix, and Richard Strode, my son, my overseer ; my confessor, William Hody, knight, William Strode, Thomas Strode, John Strode being then present.

Proved the penultimate day of May, 1500, by Master John Reed, notary public, and administration committed to the executrix named.

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**1499. MASTER JOHN DIER.**

[7 MOONE. FO. 49.]

16th September, A.D. 1499, I, Master John Dier, rector of the parish church of Higham in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the parish of Higham aforesaid.

Item, to the mother [church] of St. Andrew of Wells, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Abbot of the monastery of Glaston, two salt-cellar silver and gilt, with their covers.

Item, to the whole convent of the said monastery, one silver bowl with a cover and one silver cup with its cover.

Item, I bequeath to each son of my sons John and Richard four silver spoons and 13s. 4d. in money.

Item, to Thomas Turnor, 6s. 8d.

Item, to Sir William Badcok, chaplain, to pray for the health of my soul, 20s., and one gown of blue (*blodir*) colour.

Item, to Richard Meryman, chaplain, one gown of green colour, and in money 6s. 8d.

Item, to Sir John Dier, vicar of Langsutton, one gown of scarlett with its hood.

Item, I bequeath to Richard Barbor of Merston 6s. 8d.

To Master William Elliott, clerk, one silver spoon.

To Doctor Wilton, one silver spoon.

Item, to Sir John Heyron the younger, one small silver "selare" [salt-cellar].

Item, to William Habbe, one ox, six dishes (*discos*) of electrum called "pewter."

Item, to John Wattes, one ox and six dishes of electrum.

To John Dynt, my godson, one ox and dishes of "pewter."

To John Porter, my godson, one silver spoon.

To John Walton, my godson, one silver spoon and one silver pix (*pixidem*).

To John Balshe, my godson, one silver spoon.

Item, I bequeath to Master Doctor Bokkett, canon residentiary of Wells, one silver spoon.

Item, to Thomas Milwarde, my great brass pot and one gown of blue colour.

Item, I bequeath to each of my godsons 12d.

To Richard Dier, son of John Dier, my brother, all my lands and tenements in the borough of Wyncaunton in the county of Somerset.

The residue of my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to the aforesaid John Dier, my brother, and Richard Dier, his son, whom I make my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul; and I make John Hayron the elder and the said Thomas Walton overseers.

These being witnesses: John Dier, vicar of Longsutton aforesaid; William Badcok, chaplain, my curate; Thomas Walton and many others.

Proved 16th November, 1499, by Robert Donoff, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executors named.

[John Dyer, A.B., instituted rector of High Ham, June 12, 1459. *Som. Incs.*, p. 101.]



## 1499. ALICE MONTAGUE.

[7 MOONE. FO. 49.]

16th September, A.D. 1499, I, Alice Montague, late the wife of William Montague, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chapel of St. John the Baptist in the parish church of Quenecammell.

Item, I bequeath to the use of the said church one gold ring engraved (*sculptum*) with the figure of the Blessed Mary Magdalene ; also one girdle of red silk harnessed with silver and gilt.

Item, I bequeath to the aforesaid church, to have my burial there, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the use of the parish church of Marylinch [Moorlinch] one gold ring engraved with the figure (*figura*) of the Assumption of the B.V.M.

To the use of the lights before the altar of the said parish church, 20s.

Item, to the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, 12d.

Item, to the use of the Friars of the order of St. Francis of Briggewater, to pray for my soul and the souls of my parents deceased, 3s. 4d.

Item, I bequeath to Sir John Towre, chaplain, to celebrate a trental of masses for my soul, 3s. 4d.

Item, to Sir William Pike, chaplain, my son, to pray for my soul, 20s. and a white coverlet (*superlectile*) with blue flowers green and red, and two silver spoons, and my fourth best plate (*patellam*), and my third best brass pot, and one pair of sheets of "small canvas," and one cloth with one "towell," and one girdle of black velvet harnessed with silver and gilt.

Item, I bequeath to the use of the chapel of St. Anne next Bristoll 12d.

Item, to John Pike the younger, son of John Pike the elder, my son, 6s. 8d.

Item, "I bequeith" to Alice Pike, wife of William Pike, upon this condition, that she shall move and dwell with me, the said Alice Montague, in service during my life, one pair of blankets, one pair of sheets, one small coverlet with flowers blue

and green, and one gown purfled<sup>1</sup> (*purfilatam*) with damask and my third best kerchief (*flameam*)<sup>2</sup> of "Holand," and all my other kerchiefs to distribute to the poor at her pleasure.

Item, I bequeath to Robert Pike, my godson, 6s. 8d.

To Joan Bowring, my servant, one cloak (*armilausam*) of black cloth.

Item, to John Pike the elder, my son, 26s. 8d.

Item, to a suitable chaplain, to pray for my soul and the souls of my parents deceased for one whole year, 4 marks.

Item, to Sir Henry Morgan, my curate, 20s.

Item, to the use of the Friars of the order of Preachers of Ivelchester, 4 measures (*modios*) of corn.

Item, to Agnes, wife of Stephen Pope, one piece of woollen cloth of the colour of "violett."

Item, to Joan Weuer, my servant, one small brass pot with the mouth broken (*cum fracta ore*).

Item, I bequeath to Anthony Gilbert, my godson, 12d.

To Elizabeth Vicary, my best gown lined with woollen cloth and my best kerchief (*flameam*) of "Laund," and my best kerchief called "a Nyzett."<sup>3</sup>

Item, I bequeath my second best gown to Christian Wylis, and one kerchief of "laund."

Item, I bequeath my worst gown to Alice Bole.

Item, to the wife of John Cornyssh, my best tunic called "a kirtell."

Item, to Alice Adams, one kerchief.

To Emmota, "a kirtell" and one "*interulam*" called "a smok" which I bought last, and one veil of cloth which I use daily.

Item, I bequeath to John Pike, my younger son, one best veil of "Holande."

Item, to the wife of John Pike, my younger son, my other best kerchief of "Holande," and two of my best pair of beads (*preclarum*) and two best girdles.

Item, I bequeath to John Jenning, Doctor of Laws, and vicar of the said church of Quenecammell, 13s. 4d.

<sup>1</sup> Purfle, a kind of border, hem, or rather trimming of gowns. (*Drapers' Dictionary*.) "1486, for lynnyng of the purfulle xxvjs. viijd. (*Hen. VII*, i, 266.)

<sup>2</sup> For kerchief (*flameum* or *flameolum*), see *Prompt. Parv.*, 272, note 2.

<sup>3</sup> A light wrapper for the neck (see *Wells Wills*, 145, 149, 187).

Item, to each of my godchildren, 4*d.*, except to my godson who lives at Murylynch, 12*d.*

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath wholly to John Pike, my younger son, whom I make my executor, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem best for him; and I make John Jennings, Doctor of Laws, overseer of this my will.

These being witnesses: Stephen Pope; Sir William Amys, chaplain; John Bowring and others.

Proved 16th November, 1499, by Robert Donoff, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executor named.

### 1499. ROBERT STAWELL.

[4 MOONE. FO. 29.]

24th October, 1499, I, wretched (*miser*) Robert Stawell, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Codeleston [Cothelstone], and with my body I bequeath to the fabric of the same church 20*s.*

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to the light of All Souls in the church of Codeliston aforesaid, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Kyngeston, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to the fabric of the parish church of Bishop's Lydeyard, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, I bequeath to Robert Stawell, son of Edward Stawell, one bowl (*crateram*) with a cover, called "le Michaelle," of silver.

Item, two bowls of silver called "Flat peces."

Item, I bequeath to the aforesaid Robert all ornaments belonging to my chapel, to wit, one breviary (*portiforium*), one missal, with three "sutes" of vestments. Item, one basin and one "ewer" of silver.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Elizabeth, my wife, Richard Puddesey, knight,



William Wadham of Caterston and William Wadeham of Knappe, esquires, whom I ordain my executors.

These being witnesses: Sir John Godhym, curate there, John Stanlich, John Morys, Richard Seele, Robert Walshman and many others.

Proved 10th February in the year abovesaid by Master Peter Walsale, notary public, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executors named.

### 1499. RICHARD SIDENHAM.

[6 MOONE. FO. 41.]

13th November, 1499, I, Richard Sidenham, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Chedsey.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 3s. 4d.

Item, to the maintenance (*sustentacionem*), of the parish church of Chedsey aforesaid, 20s.

Item, I bequeath to Christopher, my son, my best horse of "le bay" colour.

Item, to William, my son, 100 marks sterling, and to Andrew, my son, 100 marks sterling, and to Thomas, my son, 100 marks sterling, with this intent, to purchase for the said William, Andrew and Thomas 15 marks of yearly rent, to wit, for each of them 5 marks, to them and their heirs for ever; and if it chance that any of them die without heir, his part shall be granted to the two survivors, and so with each (*sic de singulis*).

Item, I bequeath to John Weneman, my servant, for his good service rendered to me, and hereafter to be rendered to my heirs and executors, 10*li*. sterling.

Item, to Matilda Ferawe, my maidservant (*ancille*), 3*li*.

To Joan Kiste, my maidservant, 40s.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Joan, my wife, whom I constitute my executrix, and

I ordain Alexander Sidenham, my brother, overseer of this my will.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents; given at Chedsey on the day abovewritten, these being witnesses: Sir John Palmer, clerk; John Popham; Richard Martyn and John Pope.

Proved, 1499, 20th February, by William Potkynne, notary public, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executrix named.

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### 1499. JOHN BURNARD.

[17 MOONE.]

9th January, A.D. 1499, I, John Burnard of Taunton, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, "towker," make my testament in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of the priory of Taunton aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the lord prior of the same place, for my tithes forgotten, 3s. 4d.

Item, to Master Nicholas Dissum, vicar of the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the service of the holy sepulchre and of the high crosse (*alte crucis*), 6s. 8d.

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Clarke 3s. 4d., and one of my gowns furred (*penulatam*).

Item, to John Poope, 10s. in money and my gown furred (*penulatam*) with "le foxe."

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, after my debts are paid, I give and bequeath to Isabel, my wife, whom I make my executrix; and John Poope and John Eston overseers thereof.

Proved 17th November, 1500, by Master Christopher Middelton, proctor in this behalf, and administration committed to the executrix named.

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## 1500. JOHN ATT WATER.

[17 MOONE.]

23rd June in the yere of our lord 1500, I, John att Watter of Welles in the countie of Somersett, make this my testament and last will under this maner and forme as foloweth:—

I bequeth my body to be buried at the northe ende of the Trynitie awter in the parisshe church of seynt Cuthbert in Wellys forsaid.

Item, I bequeth to the werkes of seynt Andrewes<sup>\*</sup> church 3s. 4d.

Item, to the werkes of seynt Cuthbertes church, 6s. 8d. And to every awter there, 12d.

Item, I bequeth to Maister doctor Watter my nexte best gilte pece standing with a couer perteyning to the same.

Item, to Thomas Champneyes and Johane his wife, my doughter, my best salt salar gilte, with a cover perteyning to the same; my best diaper clothe with a twelle of the same, a federbede with a bolstar and a pelowe, and my best couerlet of Arise.

Item, to the 4 children of the said Champneyes and my doughter, oon pipe of Woode [woad] that is to say to Thomas, Richard, Anne and Isabell, evenly to be devided bitwene them.

Item, I bequeth to Humfrey Haruy, my best gilte pece standing, and to his 2 sonnes Richard and John, to eche of them a quarter of woode.

Item, to my doughter Margarete Rynen, my next best salt salar gilte, and to hir sone Thomas, a quarter wode.

Item, to Alayne Wise, sone to my doughter Margaret Rynon, my salt salar parcell gilte with a couere perteyning to the same, my wodefate and my fourneyes with all such stuff as longith thereto, with a croke of 4 galons.

Item, I bequeth to the forsaid Alayne my tenement lying at the North ende and in the Esteside of Gropelane in Welles forsaide wherin dwellith now Dauid Gough.

Item, I bequeth to Humfrey Haruye and to his heires lawful begoten betwixt the said Humfrey and Agnes my doughter, late the wife of the forseid Humfrey, my 3 tenements callid



Iuy halle, Orcharde garden and culuer house ; and for lacke of suche yssue to remayn to my righte heires.

Item, I bequeth to sir Thomas Hynkeley, the Trynitie preest, and my gostely fader, a violett gowne with the furre perteyning thereto.

Item, I bequeth to Mawdeleyn my grete panne.

Item, to Richard att water, my next best gowne and a hole bede.

Item, to Alison Louency, my nevewe and my servant, oon hole side, that is to say, a materas, a bolstar, a payr of blankettes, a payre of shetes with a couerlett. Also a quarter wode and 2 bristoll clothes blew.

Item, I bequeth to John Bouer my third beste gowne.

To Isabell Adde my servant, a crocke and a panne.

To John Lenge, my grete cawderyn.

To Edithe Stremynge, myn other servant, a crocke and a panne.

To Robert Adde, my servant, a panne with my litell forneys.

Item, I bequeth to Master John Tylar, now being maister of the Citie of Welles, and to his brethren Richard Burnell, Nicolas Trappe, John Smyth, Thomas Rowden, Aleyn Wise, John Mawdeley, John Hance, Robert Bouer, John Leynge, Richard att Watter, David John, John Bouer, and to all the Burgesys and brethren of the said Citie and their successours, my two tenements, that is to say an andvilde with all such other instruments as apperteynen to Smyths occupacion lying in the high strete of the said Citie of Welles, wheryn dwellith now Stephen Warner and Reynold Smith, with all their yssues and proffitts, to be disposed to the yelde [gild] of the Trynitie within the forseid parishe church of seynt Cuthbert, to be praied for ther in the bede rolle as other brethren be, as the usage and custome is of the said yelde.

Item, I will that myn executors doo ordeyne an honeste preest for to synge and pray for the soules of me John Att Watter, Johane and Emme, late my wiffes, with our faders and moders and all our children soules, in the said yelde of the Trynitie by the space of 7 yeres incontynent next folowyng after my dethe.

The residue of my goodes not bequethed I gyve and bequeth

to Master doctour att Water, Thomas Champeneyes, Humfrey Haruy and Aleyn Wise, whom I haue ordeyned and make my executours, to dispose for my soule and the soules abovesaid.

Whereto witnessith John Tylar, nowe beyng maister of the forsaid Cite of Welles; Master John Blakedon; sir Thomas Hynkeley; John Leynge; John Mawdeley; John Bouer; and many other.

Proved 18th November, 1500, by Master Christopher Middelton, proctor in this behalf, and administration committed to Humfrey Haruy and Alan Wise, executors named, with power reserved, &c.

[Written in English.]

### 1500. WILLIAM JENYCO.

[10 MOONE.]

27th July, A.D. 1500, I, William Jenyco of Glaston, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston.

Item, I bequeath to the four lights of the said church 16*d*.

Item, to the causeway (*calceto*) of Strete and Sowthwey [Sowey], 8*d*.

Item, I bequeath to William Browning two silver spoons.

Item, to Agnes, my daughter, two girdles (*zonas*), harnessed with silver.

The residue of all my goods movable and immovable not above bequeathed, my debts being paid, I give and bequeath to Agnes, my wife, whom I make my executrix, to distribute for my soul as shall seem best to her, to wit, to please God and to profit the health of my soul.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents, these being witnesses: Master John Hoke, curate there; Thomas Cumwyn; Robert Hendy and others. Given at Glaston on the day abovesaid.

Proved 6th October, 1500, by William Spencer, "*literati*," and administration committed to Master John Hooke, clerk; and Thomas Gunwyn; the executrix refusing the burden of execution.

## 1500. WILLIAM DAWSTONE.

[10 MOONE.]

4th August, A.D. 1500, I, William Dawstowe, make my will in this manner :—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of the Priory of Taunton.

Item, I bequeath for my mortuary (*mortuario*), my best gown (*togam*) furred (*penulatam*), with “le calibre.”<sup>1</sup>

Item, I bequeath to the prior of the same place, for my tithes forgotten, my best horse.

Item, to the convent of the same place, one best woollen cloth of red (*rubei*) colour, called “le pece.”

Item, to the high altar (*summo altari*) of Peter and Paul aforesaid, my best “Jakett” of “velwet.”

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of St. James one gown (*togam*) of “Tawney” with “le saten de Cipers.”

Item, to the service (*servicio*) of the Blessed Mary there, one green gown.

Item, to Richard Ogañ, one “Jakett” of “Chamlet”<sup>2</sup> of black colour.

Item, to Philip Ogan, my other horse.

Item, to Richard Vernay, my black gown furred (*penulatam*) with “le shankes,”<sup>3</sup> and my best doublet (*duplodium*).

Item, to William Ambre, my gown which I had from Master Luterell, and one doublet (*duplodium*) of “le pireld saten” [? pelured, furred].

Item, to Joan Benyñ, the best girdle (*zonam*) of my first wife.

Item, to David Gunter, one gown furred (*penulatam*) with white.

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, my debts being paid, I give and bequeath to Joan, my wife, whom I make my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem best to her ; and [I make] Philip Ogan overseer hereof.

<sup>1</sup> Squirrel's fur imported from Calabria. (*Fairholt.*)

<sup>2</sup> A mixed stuff of wool and silk. (*Fairholt.*)

<sup>3</sup> Shanks, a common kind of fur used to trim ordinary gowns and obtained from the skin of the leg of a kid or sheep. (*Fairholt's Costume in England.*)



Proved 30th November, 1500, by the oath of William Swayne, proctor, &c., and administration committed to the executrix named in the person of the said proctor, &c.

### 1500. THOMAS KEY.

[JO MOONE.]

6th August, 1500, I, Thomas Key, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul of Southpederton.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral church of Wells *6d.*

Item, to the aforesaid church of Southpederton two copes of red silk, price *4*li*.*

Item, I bequeath to the fraternity of the same church of Southpederton *3*s.* 4*d.**

Item, to Richard, vicar of the same, *20*s.**

To Thomas Cogan and Agnes, his wife, *20*s.**, and to each of their children, *4*d.**

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Westcote and Florence, his wife, *20*s.**, and to each of their children, *4*d.**

Item, to each child of John Key, *4*d.**

To each child of William Key, *4*d.**

Item, to Petronilla, my sister, one tunic called a "kirdill" of violet, and *4*d.** in money.

Item, I bequeath to Walter Shelyngford and Joan, his wife, *8*d.**, and to each of their children, *4*d.**

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Joan Key, my wife, whom I make my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul and all the souls of the faithful deceased. And if the said Joan chance to die before I depart this life, I ordain John Key and William Key my executors.

In witness whereof to these presents I have affixed my seal, these being witnesses: John Byett, gentleman; William Rollar; Walter Shillyngford; and others.

Proved 4th October, 1500, by John Spencer, "*literati*," proctor in this behalf, and administration committed to the executors named.

### 1500. JOHN DYAR.

[10 MOONE.]

20th August the yere of our lorde God 1500, I, John Dyar of Taunton, merchant, make my will under this maner folowing :

I bequeth my body to the holy church and resting place of the priore in Taunton ther as God wold and hath ordeyned for me.

Item, I bequeth unto my lord prior and parson for my tithes forgotten, 20s.

Item, to Master Nicholas Dissum, vicar of Mawdelyn, to pray for me, 6s. 8d.

Item, I ordeyn that every preest coming to my dirige and masse the day of myn obitt 12d.

Item, to the 2 clerkes of Mawdelyn church everych of them 12d.

Unto Seint Andrewes church of Welles, 20d.

Item, unto the service of the holy sepulture and the hicrosse in the church of Mawdelyn, 13s. 4d.

I ordeyne that myn executrice shall fynd or doo to be found 3 torches of wax to thonor of almighty God yerely by the space of 20 yeres in the said church of Mawdelyn, ther to be kept for the high autler every holyday and yerely to be made new ayenst the resurreccion of our lorde.

Item, that my executors find in the said church by the space of 7 yeres an honest preest to syng for me, my wif and children, takyng for his pension yerely 10 marcs, and his ornamentes founden to hym, and after the said yeres doon to retorne to my chapell the ornamentes.

Item, I bequeth unto the house of seint Austens in Walsyngham 40s.

I will and ordeyne that Johane my wif have my millys of Bathepole, and after her decesse to retorne unto Margaret my doughter and her assignes.

Item, I will that John Adam have my tenemente next unto my house after my decesse.

Item, that my doughter Isabell Adams doughter have my tenemente in Estrege, and that my doughter Margaret have my other tenemente in Estrige.

Item, I bequeth unto old Hawkyns in Estrige a gowne and 3s. 4*d.* in money.

The residue of all my goodes not bequethen I gyve and biquethe unto Johanne my wif, whom I ordeyne my very true and sole executrice, and overseers of the same John Adam and his wiff.

Proved 4th October, 1500, by John Spencer, "*literati*," proctor in this behalf, and administration committed to the executrix named.

[Written in English.]

## 1500. RICHARD HARRYS.

[10 MOONE.]

20th August, A.D. 1500, I, Richard Harrys of Glaston in the diocese of Bath and Wells, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Mary of Glaston.

Item, I bequeath to the four lights of the church of St. John of Glaston, 4*s.*

Item, to the fabric of the same church, 26*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to Christian Pirry, my sister, 20*s.*

The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, after my debts are fully paid, I give and bequeath to William Harrys, my son, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem to him most convenient, and I make him my executor, and Thomas Gunwyn overseer of the execution of this my will, to whom I bequeath 6*s.* 8*d.*

These being witnesses: Master John Hoke, curate, John Chapman, and Robert Mors and many others.

Proved 3rd October, 1500, by John Spencer, "*literati*," proctor in this behalf, and administration committed to the executor named.



## 1500. JOHN HYMERFORD.

[12 MOONE.]

12th November, A.D. 1500, I, John Hymerford of Estcoker, make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of the parish aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Cathedral Church of Wells 3s. 4d.

To the parish church of Estcoker, 6s. 8d.

Item, to the chapel of the Blessed Mary there, 3s. 4d.

The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed I give and bequeath to Joan, my wife, whom I ordain my executrix.

These being witnesses: Sir William Andrew, rector of Wescoker, Sir Cornelius Breacyn, and others.

Proved 14th February, 1500, by Master Christopher Middilton, proctor in this behalf, and administration committed to the executrix named.

1500. JOHN VYNYNG *alias* DYER.

[12 MOONE.]

26th January, A.D. 1500, I, John Vynying otherwise Dyer of the parish of Vyncalton [Wincanton], make my will in this manner:—

I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of the Blessed Peter and Paul of Vyncalton.

Item, I bequeath to the mother church of Wells 6s. 8d.

Item, to Alexander, my son, all my tenement in which I now dwell with the courtyard (*curtilagio*) adjacent in the town of Vyncalton, situated between the tenement of John Peytwyn on the east, and the tenement or horse mill or ground (*fundum*) called "Vedellers hey" on the west, to hold to him and his heirs; and if he die without issue the said tenement shall always remain to the next of blood (*ad proximum de sanguine*) aforesaid, and shall in no wise be delivered to sale nor alienated from the blood aforesaid, to wit, from the blood of "lee Vynying."

Item, I bequeath to Alexander, my son, a messuage in the borough of Wyncalton called "lee yerne house," situated between the burgage of Knøyle, gentelman, on the east, and the tenement of Edward Hobbys on the west.

Item, to the Prior of Stauerdale, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item, I bequeath to each child (*puero*) of John Barber 6*od.*

To each child of Richard Barbar, 6*od.*

Item, to Thomas Turner, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to each child of Thomas Turner, 6*od.*

Item, to Richard Barbar, 6*s.* 8*d.*

To each son of my brother, 10*s.*

Item, to Richard, my son, 40*li.*

To John, son of the same Richard, 20*li.* and one silver cup and a "peesse."

Item, I bequeath to John Roose my best gown.

To John Hobbys the elder, one gown.

Item, to Margaret, my goddaughter, one brass pot.

Item, I bequeath to "the Almeshouse of Shirburn" 20*s.*

To the church of St. Laurence of Wermester, 20*s.*

To the church of "Marie Magdalene in the Castell town of Shurburn," 20*s.*

Item, to John Manston, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item, to the son of John Manston, 6*od.*

To the daughter of the said John, 6*od.*

To John Dodyngton, 12*d.*

Item, to each of my godchildren, 12*d.*

Item, I bequeath "to the shegyng [seating] of the churche of Wyncalton," 10*li.*

Item, "to every parisshe churche of the denry of Cary," 10*s.*

Item, "to the churche stokke of Wyncalton," 3*li.*

Item, "to the edifying of the North Yle of the same churche," 60*s.*

Item, I bequeath to Master John Fyiamys [FitzJames], 20*s.*

Item, "to the edifying of our lady chapell of Bruton," 10 marks.

To Alice Garrett, 10*s.*

Item, I make John Dyer, vicar of Longsutton, and Alexander, my son, my executors, to whom I bequeath the residue of all my goods not bequeathed that they may dispose for

the good of my soul; and I make John Fyiamys the elder and John Barbar overseers; to each of whom I give 40s.

These being witnesses: Sir John Aynell, my curate; John Abraham and William Webbe, and many others.

Proved 14th February, 1500, by William Swayn, "*literati*," proctor in this behalf, and administration committed to the executors named.

*Circa* 1500. THOMAS ABERFELD.

I, Thomas Aberfeld, give my body to be buried in the chirche of our lady of Chyddysy. I to haue a preest to synge 2 yeres for me and my wyff, my fader, my moder, and all my children; and the preest to haue for . . . re seruice 11*li.* 10s., he to fynd his owne house and brede and wex and wyne; yf it be to littell amende hit. . . . To the chirche, 10s. to be praied for in the pulpit euery Sounday as oder ben. I geve to seynt Mary seruice to b . . . ed for more, 10s. I geve to the torchys, 20*d.* I geve to euery that berith me that day, 6*d.*; and to euery prest that syngeth a masse that day, 6*d.* And to euery clerk that can syng, 2*d.*; all oder clerkes, 1*d.* And to euery godchilde, 4*d.* I geve 10*li.* to bye a senser shyp and all. I woll haue 60*li.* bestowed after my mynde. I woll haue a hole sewte of white in the best biyng 30*li.*, the Residue to bye a blak cope and 2 tunykells of blak where is 2 Chesepills in the chirche bye (*sic*) for the cope and 2 Chesepills hole be a hole sewyte. John I charge upon my blessing that this be done w<sup>o</sup>ute any delay. Wrytte by thy fader hand.

[The above is a filed will. It is written in English.]



## APPENDIX I.

[Of the three wills following, the first two were accidentally omitted in their proper place, while the third, of which an abstract is given on p. 68, is here given in full on account of its extreme interest, being written entirely in English.]

## 1408. ROGER GLOVER.

[18 MARCHE.]

1408, February 4th. I, Roger Glover, bequeath my body to holy burial in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary de Stall in Bath: to Avice my wife £20 and £5 of my debts in the hands of Master John Bathe: and £15 of my debts in real value of other goods necessary to her: to my son Master John Bathe £10 of my debts for which he himself has laboured: £20 for the service of my burial and my obsequies: to Robert Carter 20s.: to Thomasia his wife 20s. and one brass pot containing six gallons and one "*patellam*" containing eight gallons and my best ornamented maser (*murram faleratam*<sup>1</sup>): to William son of the same Robert 20s.: to Thomas Arwsmyth 16s. 8d.: to the daughter of the same, my goddaughter, 3s. 4d.: to Sir William Savage chaplain eight marks to pray for my soul.

I bequeath 8 marks to John Arwsmyth to celebrate for my soul, when he shall be a priest, and if he shall not be a priest I will that another shall have the said money for the same office. Also one ornamented (*faleratam*) maser if he shall be a priest, but if not, I will that his father shall have it.

I bequeath 16 marks to two priests to celebrate for my soul in the city of Bath as shall seem good to my executors.

To the bells of the church of St. Michael without the gates two marks: 100 [shillings<sup>2</sup>] of my debts to the poor to each of

<sup>1</sup> Phalerare, phaleris ornare; *orner*, *surcharger d'ornements*. (*Ducange*.)

<sup>2</sup> The word *shillings* is omitted in the MS.; it seems the most likely word to supply.

them 4*d.* : £3 to be distributed in alms to the poor, so that each one shall receive 1*d.* only.

I bequeath five torches (*tortie*<sup>2</sup>) for my obsequies and afterwards I will that they be distributed to five churches.

I will that sixteen wax candles (*cerei*) each weighing 1*lb.* be procured for the said obsequies.

I bequeath to the monks of the Priory for their labour and for ringing of the bell and saying offices 20*s.* : to Sir William Savage 2*s.* 6*d.* for one trental.

20*s.* "*pro veste linea ad mensas*" and after my burial it is to be given to the poor.

To Isabel, wife of William Hosyer, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue to Avice my wife and Master John Bathe, whom I make my executors. Robert Carter to be supervisor.

Proved last day of April, 1409.

## 1409. WALTER WYNCAULTON.

[19 MARCHE.]

26th October, 1409. I, Walter Wyncaulton, canon of the cathedral church of Wells, bequeath my body to holy burial : to the parish church of Congesbury one large breviary "*notatum*" the best that I have.

To the priests, "*anuwellariis*," of the new place of the college of Wells 20*s.* with one goblet "*de Maser*" banded with silver and gilt, the best which I have, there to remain for the use of the said priests and their successors as long as it shall last, to pray for the soul of Alice Strode and for my soul.

Residue to Nicholas Barwe, Sir John Marchel, vicar in the church of Wells, and John Bernard, rector of Claverton.

Proved 1st December, 1409.

[Testator held the prebend of Warminster, 1383-1408 ; see *S.A.S. Proc.*, xlvii, ii, 202.]



## 1415. THOMAS BROKE.

[40 MARCHE. FO. 316.]

In the name of the lorde of all Lordis the allmyghty ymmortel Trinite I wrichyd synner Thomas Broke, in gode mynde and out of sekenesse make my testament, gyf it be the will of God, in this maner, praying him of his hye yndelesse mercy, fouchesafe to receyve my wreched unclene soule into his mercy and kepe hyt from dampnacion, for the meke passyon and deth that his debounte sonne oure lord Jeshu Crist soffred on the crosse for cherite and pety of mankind. And my wyll is that my body be beryed in the churchhe of the parysch church of Thornecombe as men goth over into ye church at ye south syde ryghte as they mowe stappe on me and a flat playne stone save my name ygraved yarin that men mowe the rather have mynde on me and pray for me And nether wheche,<sup>1</sup> ne leede to be layde in, bote a grete clothe to hely my foule caryin, and of torches bote iij and iij taprys.

Ande no fest nother terment yhold bote iij masses atte my buryyng save CCC poure men schullen have mete and drynke ynowe and every man and woman of ham iij*l*. and every child of CCC childerne j*l*. yf there be so many childerne and xiiij poure men clothed in Russett ylyned witt white and every of ham to have viij*l*. And I bequethe to my poure tenauntes of holdych, h'tham, Cherd, Cotteleygh, and Wycrofte that haveth ygeve to me capons and bederpes and plouwys thoughe they be noughte my tenauntes I will that myn executours do hergre by god discrecion atte ye value of xx*l*. amonge hame and if any other man or woman be that cane pleyn hym that ich have oppressed hym or do wrange to him, other yete with my bestys his corne or his grase and noughte amendyd hit to hym to amende such trespasses I bequethe x*l*. and I bequethe to all my pourest tenauntes where that they be excepte ham that I have ynemmed in this bok to-for C*l*. in mony and I bequethe to poure men blynd and lame C*l*. and to sum trew man by good

<sup>1</sup> *I.e., hatch, coffin.* In wills at Wells (date *circa* 1545), the word *whiche* is frequently used in the sense of "chest."



discrecyon to departy the mony forsayd and namelych iff ych have do wrong to eny of my tenauntes or mys tak his goodes I will that it be restored to ham whether it be man or woman be avyement of myn executours as they will aunswer to-for god at ye dome and ye resyduwe of all my goodys and catell in this my testament noughte bequeathed ych geve holelych and bequethe to Johane my wyfe reservyng always to me volle power to chaunge this testament or to make hit more or to amenusy [diminish] hit or to undo hit all, as offte as me lusteth or whenne yt me lyketh duryng my lyfe and to do good and trewe execucion of this my testament ych ordeyne and mak myn executours Johane my wyle, William Beerdon, Sir John Dey, parson of Bageworthe, Raufe Percevale, Sir Edward Osborne, vicary of Thornecombe.

This testament is my volle and hole wille ys day of ye date of this my testament the date in my manoure of holdech on Setrysdai in ye vygyle of ye holy Trynyte the yere of grace and of ye incarnacyon of oure lorde Jhesu Criste, M CCCC XV. Thys twey lynes I wrete almeste with my owne honde.

Proved February 5th, 1417-8.

[This will is printed in *Fifty Earliest English Wills* (E.E.T.S.), but the above transcript has been made afresh from Somerset House and is more accurate in one or two points, e.g., *debounte* for *debonure*; *departy* for *do party*; *W. Beerdon* for *W. Brerdon*.]

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## APPENDIX II.

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[The two following wills were accidentally omitted in their proper place : it is hoped that now all wills of Somerset testators are included in this volume from 1383 to 1500.]

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### 1423. ROBERT HYLLE.

[1 LUFFENAM.]

I, Robert Hylle of Spaxton, make this my will in the Octave of Easter, 1423, my body to holy burial in the church of St. John of Bokelonde before and under the high altar near the middle of it near the place where my wife was buried.

I bequeath to the prioress and convent there, £20 in money to provide a certain jewel (*iocale*) for the body of Christ to be placed in, and to the prioress there 20s., and to the other sisters there 8 marks to be divided among them to pray for my soul and for the soul of Isabelle my wife and for the souls of my parents and benefactors, praying them to insert our names Robert and Isabelle in their martiloge and every year on the days of our deaths and of our anniversaries our names shall be read for ever in chapter there : and to each of the four brothers there 10s.

Item, to the prior and brethren of St. John of Exeter 100s. to pray for the same souls.

To each priest present at the time of my death<sup>1</sup> 7d., to each poor person 6d.

I will that 1,000 masses shall be celebrated for my soul within 3 or 4 days after my death.

To the brethren of the hospital of St. John of Bryggwater £4 to pray for the same souls.

To the friars minors of Bryggwater, 40s.

<sup>1</sup> *Mortis*, but *burial* is evidently meant.



To the friars preachers of Yevelchester, 40s.

To the prioress and convent of Kanyngton, 40s.

To the abbess and convent of Canonlegh, 20s.

I will that three "*sufficientes*" priests say a great trental of St. Gregory for one year for all those to whom I have done wrong during my life; and to each of them I bequeath two marks.

Item to 72<sup>1</sup> poor persons, impotent, lying in beds, to each 12 yards of russet or plankett [plunkett] cloth at the discretion of my executors, and to each of them 5*d*.

Item, I bequeath to John my son and heir my blessing and one goblet of Berell with its cover of silver gilt and one ewer of Berell with its cover, item one black horse, one grey horse, one white ameler entire horse, and also the apparel for the oratory of white silk, one *missale*, one *antiphonale*, two legends, one bible (*bibliothec'*) one psalter, one book *de Dirige*, two apparels for the hall with that of the parlour, one bed with all its apparel of black colour, one red bed for the second chamber, also the whole apparel in the principal chamber at the end of the hall, and the second chamber there, William has in keeping by indenture; also to the same John two brass pots, two best pans, two "*desemy vasorum de peutre garneshit*" and two spits.

I bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter God's blessing and mine and cc marks which remain at Bokeland in a certain chest for safe keeping against her marriage.

I bequeath to Lady de Haryngton, my sister, one girdle studded (*stipatam*) with pure gold.

I bequeath to Lady Joan Malett, my sister, one pair of beads of corell with gauds (*gaudiis*) of silver gilt.

I bequeath to Lady Alianore Hull, one gold ring with one dyamand.

Item to John, my brother, one silver goblet with its cover.

Item to Ralph, my brother, the goblet with gilt cover.

To Sir Gregory capell [chaplain], 20s.

To Sir William, 20s.

To Sir Richard Champernon, 20s.

To John ffitzhide, 20s.

To John Brekebeke, 20s.

<sup>1</sup> Probably this was the age of the testator.



To each of five clerks, 10s.

To John Everard, 10s.

To John Tygtesbury, 10s.

To John Mychell, 10s.

To Walter Potham, 10s.

To Stephen Russell, 10s.

To the church of Spaxton one *antiphonale*, one *gradale*, one *manuale*, one *processionale*, one *librum de dirige*.

I make my executors Sir Hugh Lutterel, knight, to whom I leave £4 and one ewer of silver gilt.

Sir Thomas Stawell, knight, to whom £4 and one "broch."

John Warre to whom £4 and one ring of gold.

Hugh Cary to whom £3 and one silver goblet with its cover.

John Southwode, clerk, to whom £3 and one silver goblet with its cover.

John Cogan, to whom I leave a bull and a cow and 4 marks.

Residue, to my executors to dispose for the good of my soul and the souls of my wife, parents and benefactors.

Proved before Master John Wodelond, official of the Archdeacon of Taunton, commissary of Master John Estcourt, 7th of May in the year above written.

[The writing in the beginning of this will down to *iocale*, is very faint and much rubbed: I hereby express my sincere thanks to Mr. Hudson, Assistant Superintendent of the Literary Department, for his valuable help in deciphering it.]

## 1454. RICHARD PLUMLEYE.

[10 ROUS.]

10th May, 1454, I, Richard Plumleye, of Estharpdre make my will, &c., my body to be buried in the south side of the cemetery of the church of Estharpdre.

To the Church of St. Andrew of Wells, 20*d*.

To the three lights of the Church of Estharpdre, 18*d*.

To each godson (*confiliolo*) of mine, 4*d*.

To the Church of Estharpdre two torches price 12*s*.

To the Vicar of the Church of Estharpdre to specially pray for me 6*s*, 8*d*.

I bequeath for masses to be celebrated on the day of my burial, 8s. 4d.

To Nicholas Hampton my godson (*confiliolo*), 20d.

To the Vicar of Chewton, 6s. 8d.

To the three children of my sons, viz., Thomas, Alice, and John, to each of them, 20d.

To the Church of Westharpstre, 3s. 4d.

To the Church of Chewton, 20d.

Residue, to Alice my wife.

Executors : Alice, and John Plumleye and Thomas Plumleye my sons.

Proved 17 May, 1454.

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